

# Fire Google from your life.

1. Download **ProtonVPN** (free, good) or **MullvadVPN** (\$5/month, great) on your phone and computer. Turn your VPN on now. (If you ever have WiFi issues, try turning it off — but remember to turn it on later though.)
2. Download **Firefox Nightly** on your phone and **Firefox** on your computer. Configure these as your default browsers. (Firefox Nightly lets you use add-ons on your phone browser)
3. Add these add-ons to **Firefox Nightly** on your phone and **Firefox** on your computer: UBlock origin, Privacy Badger, Decentraleyes, LibRedirect
4. LibRedirect helps you use alternative “front-ends” for platforms. Open it, click **Settings**, tap the **YouTube** icon and then tap **Enable**. Scroll down to *Add your favorite instances*, find **https://yewtu.be**, and click the + button. Now you have ad-free YT.
5. On Firefox Nightly (phone) and Firefox (computer), change your default search engine to: **DuckDuckGo**, **Startpage**, or **Brave search**. (**Kagi** is great paid search engine). Each of these options are different, find what works best for you.
6. Install a **password manager** like **Bitwarden** (free, good) or **1Password** (paid, good for group plans). Make a strong master password you can remember, and back it up securely (on paper, somewhere else). Start using your password manager to make unique random passwords on every website, and lower chances of getting hacked.
7. Get a **private email**. (1) Sign up for a new email address at **Fastmail** (\$5 month / great) or **Protonmail** (free / good). (2) Make your old email **forward mail** to your new email account. (3) Optionally, **get a custom domain** for your email address, buy from Porkbun or injazat.ps (4) Finally, start sharing and sending from your new email address
8. If you have choose **Fastmail** with a **custom domain**, or **1Password**, you can start using **email aliases**. This allows you to use a different email address for every account and website you signup for - if one site gets hacked, your other log-ins are safe.
9. Use Google Docs to write documents? Download **LibreOffice** and use **CryptPad**.
10. Use Google Drive for storage? Use **NextCloud** or **ProtonDrive** instead.
11. Use GoogleMaps? Use **OrganicMaps**, **OpenStreetMap**, or **OpenStreetBrowser**
12. Use the Google Play Store to download apps? Download the **F-Droid** store.