

Roku pulls YouTube TV from its store, saying Google let contract expire

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Roku said it has removed the app for Google's streaming service YouTube TV after its contract to carry it expired.



The company said current subscribers to YouTube TV will continue to have access to the app unless Google chooses to fully remove it from Roku devices.

Roku spokesperson Dallas Lawrence told U.S. TODAY in an <u>email</u> the company is "disappointed" Google has allowed the contract to lapse and has not sought additional financial consideration to renew its deal.

"It is well past time for Google to embrace the principles that have made streaming so popular for millions of users by giving consumers control of their streaming experience, by embracing fair competition and by ceasing anticompetitive practices," said Lawrence.

Roku plans to email customers about the removal of YouTube TV.

Earlier this week, Roku warned its users recent negotiations over YouTube TV had broken down over "unfair terms" from Google that the company believed could harm its users.

YouTubeTV spokesperson Mariana De Felice told U.S. TODAY in a statement emailed Monday the service has been working in good faith with Roku on a deal that benefits its viewers and Roku customers.

"We're disappointed that they chose to make baseless claims while we continue our ongoing negotiations," she said. "All of our work with them has been focused on ensuring a high quality and consistent experience for our viewers."

U.S. TODAY has reached out to Google for further comment.

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