SUMMARY
Find up-to-date evaluation from Consumer Union on the latest home appliances, technology, cars, and other household and personal necessities.

ACCESS
Go to the County Library’s Resources Page at thecountylibrary.org/howto and choose Consumer Reports from the list.

SEARCHING
Searching is simple using the search bar at the top of the page. Enter the type of product you’d like to search for and suggested searches will appear, giving you the option to view product ratings, reviews, and comparisons.
Consumer Reports
How To
Product Reviews, Ratings, Buying Guides

Each popular category contains an overview of the product, ratings, a list of Consumer Reports (CR) recommendations, and a Buying guide with information consumers should know when shopping for this product. You can also view all products in and A to Z search.

Overview
Each Overview page will give general information about the product and link to ratings and buying guides, as well as articles related to the product to provide more information for consumers.
Ratings

Consumer Reports’ product ratings are unique in that they combine product performance, measured through expert lab testing, with predicted reliability and owner satisfaction data gathered through surveys of product owners.

On the Ratings tab, you can narrow your search by price, brand or rating using the drop down menus. By clicking on the + next to the item, you can compare up to five selected products to one another. You can choose to only view items recommended by CR, and even print your results from this page.

Recommended

The Recommended tab shows CR’s recommended products in your searched category. By clicking on the + next to the item, you can compare selected products and even print your results from this page.

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Buying Guides

The Buying Guides tab gives detailed information about the product, including questions to ask when buying, features to consider, and what to look for as you search for the product. Some include product testing videos and CR’s top rated brands to further inform buyers.

Best Time to Buy

Another helpful feature in the Consumer Reports database is the “Best Time to Buy” guide, which breaks down the best deals on products each month so you can plan out your purchases in order to get the most savings. This guide is found in the CR Deals section of the database. You will also find lists of deals by price range and seasonal picks, all with the Consumer Reports ratings.