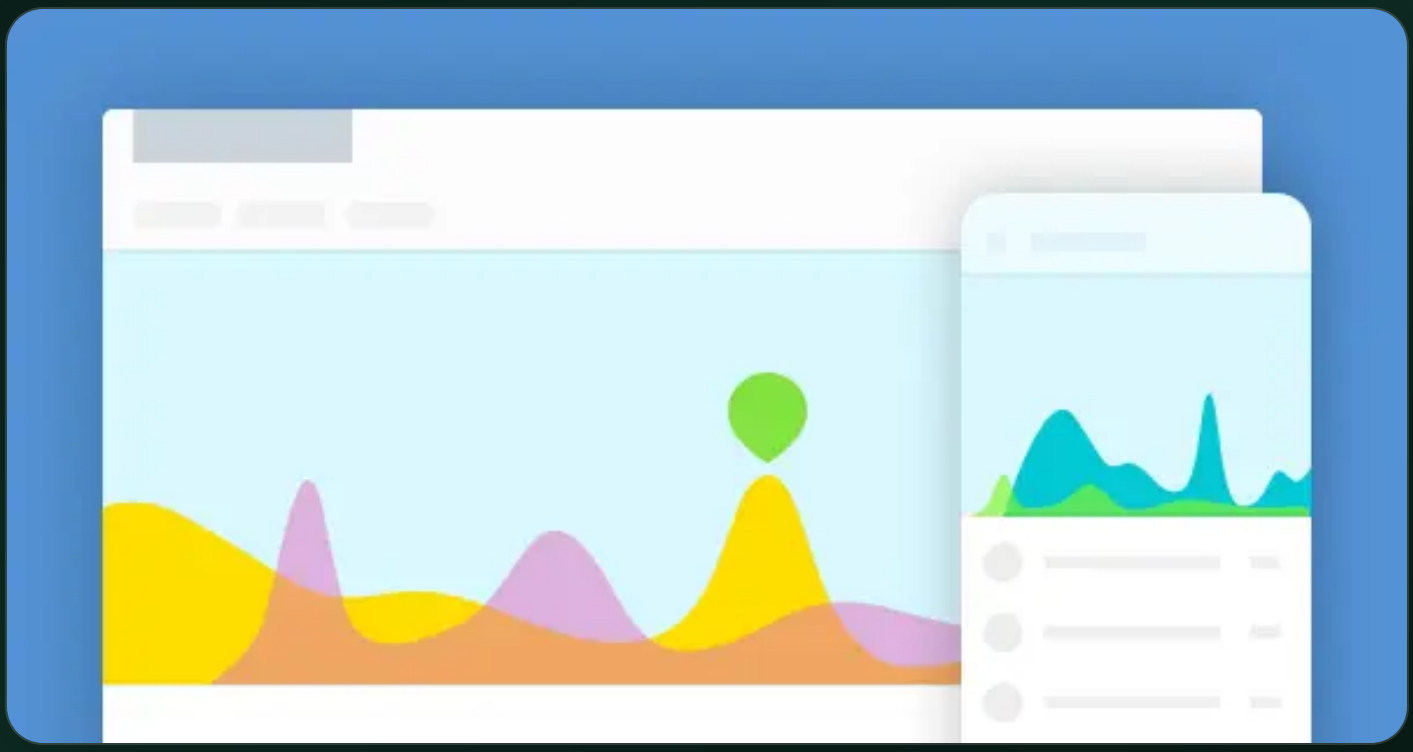
ToolGPA

NOVEMBER 2026

GlassWire

The Insider's Guide

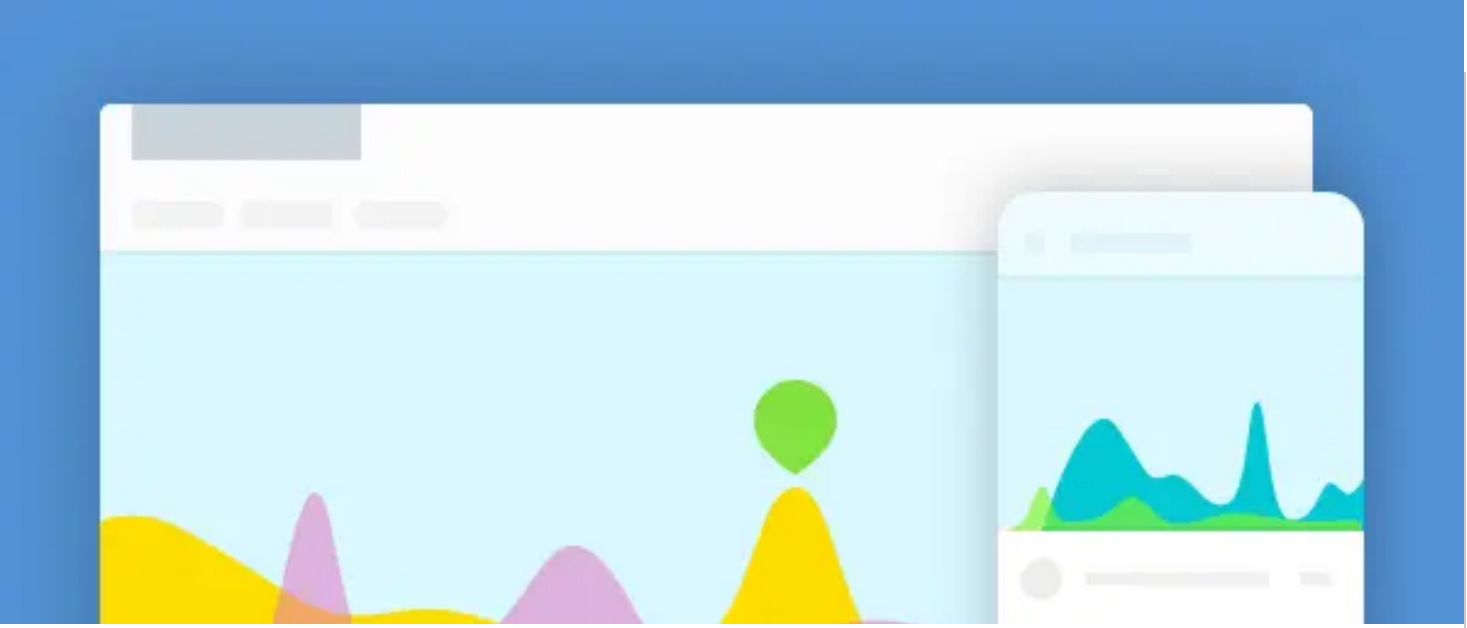
Windows network monitor and firewall with a traffic time machine



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among desktop utilities, read from GlassWire's own pages.

Made by GlassWire · checked Nov 13, 2026 · toolgpa.com

2.4
GPA



Contents

01 Welcome
What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

02 What it costs
Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

03 What it does
Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

04 Where it stands
Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

05 The alternatives
The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side

06 Quick answers
The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

07 About ToolGPA
Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

ToolGPA put this guide together from GlassWire's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on GlassWire's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

2.4

GPA, above 35 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade

GlassWire is a Windows network monitor and personal firewall that graphs which apps your PC talks to, keeps a history of past activity and alerts on new connections or new devices on your network. A free edition covers basic monitoring; Premium adds firewall controls and unlimited history.

To get you started, here are **9 things to know about GlassWire**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

> "
>
> **No store rating is on record, but you install it and the graph starts filling in with nothing to set up.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for seeing which Windows apps talk to the internet**

GlassWire graphs which apps your PC talks to, keeps a history and alerts you to new connections, with a free edition and a Premium firewall.

2 **Paid plans start at $2.99 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $2.99 per month, paid annually (Personal).

3 There is a free plan

Free edition: traffic monitoring and network time machine limited to 24 hours of history, 1 day of bandwidth data and 1 remote connection.

4 It runs on 2 platforms

Windows and Android.

5 Network activity graph

Shows which apps and hosts your PC connects to, with usage broken down by app, IP or host and traffic type.

6 Network time machine

Lets you go back in time to see what a PC was doing while you were away; the free edition keeps 24 hours, Premium keeps unlimited history.

7 Firewall controls

Ask to Connect, click-to-block, lockdown mode and firewall profiles let you allow or deny each app's connections.

8 A 2.4 GPA, above 35 of 186

That is against the other desktop utilities we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

9 Keep it

To replace GlassWire you would be making an engine that recognises new malware as it appears. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

GlassWire at a glance

PRICING
Free plan, from $2.99 per month, paid annually (Personal)

FREE PLAN
Yes

FREE TRIAL
None stated

RUNS ON
Windows, Android

MADE BY
GlassWire

CATEGORY
Desktop Utilities

OUR GRADE
2.4 GPA, fair

The report card

Best for seeing which Windows apps talk to the internet

GlassWire graphs which apps your PC talks to, keeps a history and alerts you to new connections, with a free edition and a Premium firewall. The free edition keeps 24 hours of history, and the firewall controls are Premium only.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **GlassWire** — Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	Premium is $2.99 a month for one license, billed annually, which lands in the middle of this category. Multi-license prices were not readable.
Free plan and trial	C	A free edition with 24 hours of history, 1 day of bandwidth data and 1 remote connection. You will hit these caps.

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Features	C	Activity graph, time machine, firewall, alerts, data limits and remote monitoring. The gap the listing shows: click-to-block, Ask to Connect and lockdown mode are Premium only.
Ease of use	B	No store rating is on record, but you install it and the graph starts filling in with nothing to set up.
Platforms and integrations	B	A Windows PC program plus an Android app, for the remote and alert side. Nothing for Mac.
Grade point average		Fair, out of 4.0 **2.4**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who GlassWire is for

- ✓ Fits if you want to see which apps connect out from a Windows PC
- ✓ Works for people who want an alert when a new device joins the network

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you want to block apps on the free edition, as the firewall needs Premium
- ✗ Tight if you want a week of history, since free keeps 24 hours
- ✗ Not for you if you use a Mac or Linux machine, as the PC edition is Windows 10 or later
- ✗ Watch out: discounts there use codes, and multi-license prices load by script

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Seeing which programs use your internet connection
- ✓ Home users who want per-app firewall prompts
- ✓ Spotting new devices on a home network

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Firewall features such as click-to-block, Ask to Connect and lockdown mode need Premium.
- ⓘ The vendor lists Windows 10 or later as the requirement for the PC edition; no Mac or Linux version is shown.
- ⓘ Multi-license prices on the pricing page load by script and were not readable; discounts there use codes.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

$2.99

A month to start. There is a free plan too

GlassWire has a free plan. Paid plans start at $2.99 per month, paid annually (Personal).

FREE

$0

Basic network monitoring: 24 hours of network history, current-day alert logs and 1 remote connection.

PREMIUM (PERSONAL)

$2.99

per month for 1 license, paid annually

Adds the click-to-block firewall, Ask to Connect, unlimited history and more; the page also sells 2, 5, 10 and 20 licenses.

The free plan

Free edition: traffic monitoring and network time machine limited to 24 hours of history, 1 day of bandwidth data and 1 remote connection.

Read from glasswire.com on Nov 13, 2026.

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

2

Places it runs: Windows and Android

Windows network monitor and firewall with a traffic time machine. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: site & app blocker, reports, system monitor, malware protection.

> **Activity graph, time machine, firewall, alerts, data limits and remote monitoring.**

From our grade for features

Network activity graph

Shows which apps and hosts your PC connects to, with usage broken down by app, IP or host and traffic type.

Network time machine

Lets you go back in time to see what a PC was doing while you were away; the free edition keeps 24 hours, Premium keeps unlimited history.

Firewall controls

Ask to Connect, click-to-block, lockdown mode and firewall profiles let you allow or deny each app's connections.

Alerts on changes

Warns when a new app accesses the network, when an unknown device joins your WiFi or when an app changes in a way that could suggest malware.

Data usage limits

Tracks data use on a PC or phone and alerts you before you reach a limit.

Remote monitoring

Monitors other PCs through remote GlassWire connections: 1 on the free edition, unlimited on Premium.

Where it runs

Windows Android

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

GlassWire is made by GlassWire.

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

35/186

Other desktop utilities it is graded above

GlassWire's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 35 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 33.

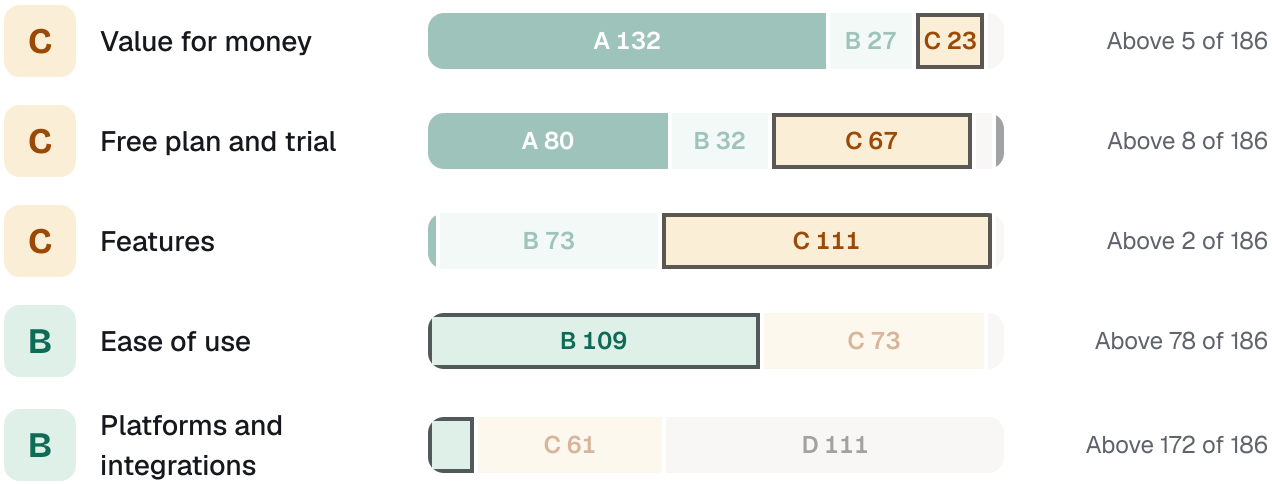
It stands best on platforms and integrations (B, above 172 of 186) and worst on features (C, above 2).

Its paid plans start at $2.99 a month, against a middle price of $2.99 for the category: 18 of the 36 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.7 out of 4. Nothing scores higher for less, though at least one tool matches that score at a lower price.

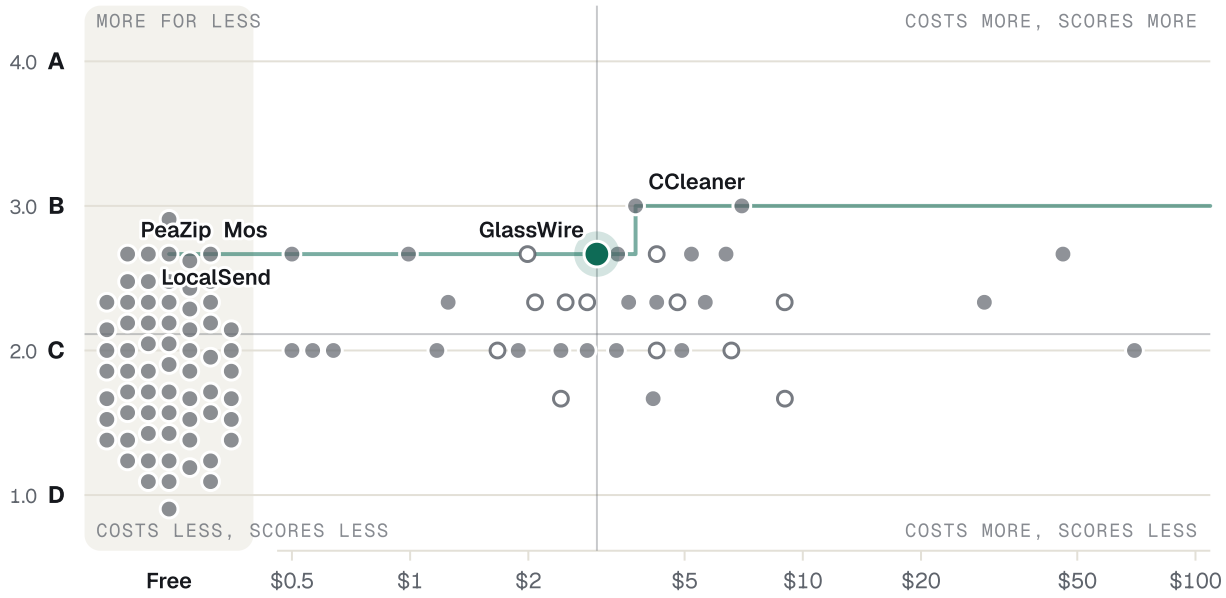
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 187 desktop utilities we grade, cut by the letter each got. GlassWire's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 103 desktop utilities. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. GlassWire is the marked dot.



What paid plans start at, a month (each step along is roughly double)

Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

To replace GlassWire you would be making an engine that recognises new malware as it appears. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 118 of the 186 other desktop utilities grade higher. It costs $35.88 a year.

What you could make

- Reports: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- An engine that recognises new malware as it appears.

- Readings from inside the operating system.
- Blocking that reaches every browser and app and is hard to switch off.
- Apps for Windows and Android that stay in step with each other.

What this rests on. GlassWire's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



NetLimiter, TripMode, LuLu, Radio Silence and Process Lasso

The 5 tools GlassWire is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

2.2 GPA

NetLimiter

Free trial

Per-app internet bandwidth limits and monitoring for Windows.

- GlassWire has a free plan. NetLimiter does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only GlassWire lists an Android app.
- GlassWire also covers malware protection.

GlassWire and NetLimiter compared in full

2.6 GPA

TripMode

Free plan · from $14.99/yr

Mac app that blocks background data use on slow or metered networks.

- Only GlassWire lists Windows and Android apps.
- Only TripMode lists a macOS app.
- TripMode can be bought with a one-time purchase.

GlassWire and TripMode compared in full



2.6
GPA

LuLu

Free

Free open-source Mac firewall for outgoing connections.

- Only GlassWire lists Windows and Android apps.
- Only LuLu lists a macOS app.
- LuLu is open source, according to its own site.

GlassWire and LuLu compared in full



2.4
GPA

Radio Silence

Free trial · from $9 one-time

Mac firewall and network monitor that blocks apps from going online.

- GlassWire has a free plan. Radio Silence does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only GlassWire lists Windows and Android apps.
- Only Radio Silence lists a macOS app.

GlassWire and Radio Silence compared in full



2.6
GPA

Process Lasso

Free plan · from $23.97 one-time

Windows process automation for CPU priorities and affinities.

- Only GlassWire lists an Android app.
- Process Lasso can be bought with a one-time purchase.
- GlassWire also covers site & app blocker, reports and malware protection.

GlassWire and Process Lasso compared in full

PART 06 · QUESTIONS

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

11

Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is GlassWire free?

GlassWire has a free plan. Free edition: traffic monitoring and network time machine limited to 24 hours of history, 1 day of bandwidth data and 1 remote connection.

How much does GlassWire cost?

GlassWire lists 2 plans. Free: $0.

What platforms does GlassWire work on?

GlassWire is available on Windows and Android.

Does GlassWire have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. GlassWire is listed for Windows and Android.

Does GlassWire have a macOS app?

No macOS app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. GlassWire is listed for Windows and Android.

Is GlassWire open source?

GlassWire is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

Who makes GlassWire?

GlassWire is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to GlassWire?

The closest alternatives to GlassWire in our directory are NetLimiter, TripMode, LuLu, Radio Silence and Process Lasso.

How does GlassWire compare with other desktop utilities?

GlassWire's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 35 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 33.

Is GlassWire good value for money?

ToolGPA grades GlassWire C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $2.99 a month, against a middle price of $2.99 for the category: 18 of the 36 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of GlassWire?

To replace GlassWire you would be making an engine that recognises new malware as it appears.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from GlassWire's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from GlassWire's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by GlassWire. Prices change, so check glasswire.com before you buy.

glasswire.com/
glasswire.com/download/
glasswire.com/pricing/

PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

7,721

Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at **toolgpa.com**.

7,721	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

GlassWire, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/glasswire

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

toolgpa.com/save

Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

toolgpa.com/keep-or-make

Scan for the live page

Prices and grades as they are today

Quoting this guide?

Please name ToolGPA and link to the live page, so readers can check the figures for themselves:

```
ToolGPA, "GlassWire: The Insider's Guide",
checked Nov 13, 2026.
https://toolgpa.com/tools/glasswire
```

Know someone choosing between desktop utilities?

Send them this guide:
toolgpa.com/tools/glasswire/guide

ToolGPA elsewhere: youtube.com/@toolgpa

See our other guides

The best-graded desktop utilities after GlassWire, each with an Insider's Guide of its own.

Desktop Utilities Insider's Guide

Every one of the 187 desktop utilities we grade, compared

Just Color Picker Insider's Guide

Free portable color picker and editor for Windows and macOS

3.2 GPA

LocalSend Insider's Guide

Open-source file sharing between nearby devices, no cloud

3.2 GPA

Mos Insider's Guide

Free Mac menu bar utility for smooth mouse wheel scrolling

3.2 GPA

ToolGPA

Choosing software? Every tool graded, every price dated.

Compare tools at toolgpa.com ›

Everything in this guide is ToolGPA's own summary of what GlassWire's pages, its app-store listings and public reviews said on the dates shown. Grades are our judgement under the rules at toolgpa.com/grades. Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. GlassWire is a trademark of its owner, and this guide is not made, paid for or approved by GlassWire. Prices and plans change: check glasswire.com before you buy.