

Cal LeGrow's Top 5 Picks To Make Your Town Harder-To-Hack

Rank	Tip	What it is (plain English)	How it works / What to do Monday morning	Cost	Impact
1	Turn on 2-step login (MFA) for key systems	A second check when someone logs in, usually a code on their phone.	Pick your top 3 systems: email, finance, remote access. Log into the admin panel and turn on 2-step verification / MFA for all staff. Make it required, not optional.	FREE	10/10.
2	Set up automatic, offline-capable backups	Daily copies of your data, with at least one copy not always connected to your network.	Ask: Where are our files and servers backed up right now? Turn on automatic daily backups. Add an external drive or cloud backup.	< \$200/mth One external hard drive or a small monthly cloud backup fee.	9/10.
3	Patch systems and close risky remote access	Keep software updated and shut down old back doors into your network.	Run updates on servers, desktops, and laptops. Make a quick list of anything that allows remote access.	FREE	8.5/10.

4	Use a password manager.	A secure vault for long, unique passwords.	Pick one trusted password manager.	LOW. \$5-8/month	8/10..
5	Dedicate 15 minutes a month to Cal LeGrow's "Harder to Hack" Cyber Series	Short, plain-English training that keeps everyone's cyber instincts sharp.	Block one 15-minute slot in the calendar each month. Watch one micro-lesson as a team, then discuss one takeaway at your next meeting.	FREE.	9/10.

