














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Requirements/Questions

Need to avoid Safe Haven Monthly Subscription

Safe-haven-replacment-with-home-automation- remove subscriptions

Got it — you're coming off a 3-year free Safe Haven subscription, and they now want to charge \$25/month to continue smart home features like:

1. Alaram App integrated with following device
2. IQ Panel Control with Home Automation Hub
3. SkyBell Front Door Camera with Remote lock/unlock of front door
4. Kwikset Smart Keypad lock for Front Door
5. Lift Master myQ Garage Door
6. Honeywell Thermostats with Dual-zone thermostat control (upstairs + downstairs)

The Alaram app provides following features

1. Remote unlock or lock the front door
2. View the person through the Front Camera
3. Open/Close the Garage Door Remotely
4. Control the Home Template Remotely You want to remove the subscription and still control everything using your home Wi-Fi and still needs above features.

Requirement is

1. Remove the monthly subscription
2. Should be able to view person visited in the front door with motion notification
3. Lock and unlock Front door using keypad; Should be able to reset the pin as required
4. Open/Close the Garage
5. Temperature control
6. Single App to control every thing similar to alaram app
7. Thanks for laying that out so clearly! You're looking to drop the \$25/month Safe Haven subscription and still control your smart home devices through Wi-Fi with a single app, keeping all the functionality. Totally doable with some planning. Here's a breakdown of what you'll need, plus a path forward:

Devices You Have (and what they use)

Device Brand Protocol Notes

IQ Panel	Qolsys	Z-Wave/Zigbee	May be locked by Safe Haven
SkyBell	SkyBell	Wi-Fi	May require separate app/cloud
Kwikset Smart Lock	Kwikset	Z-Wave or Wi-Fi	Depends on model
LiftMaster Garage	myQ	Wi-Fi	Some myQ features require subscription
Honeywell Thermostat	Honeywell	Wi-Fi or Z-Wave	Model dependent

✓ What You Want (Without Subscription)

1. Remote access to front door camera + motion alerts
2. Lock/unlock door remotely + keypad PIN management
3. Garage door control remotely
4. Temperature control for dual-zone
5. One app to control everything

🔗 Recommendation Path: Use Home Assistant

Home Assistant is a powerful free platform that can do all of this, with no monthly fees. Here's how it fits your setup:

Why Home Assistant?

1. Free, open-source, local control (no cloud dependency)
2. Works with Z-Wave, Zigbee, Wi-Fi devices
3. Integrates with SkyBell, Kwikset, myQ, Honeywell, etc.
4. Has mobile app similar to Alarm app (can lock, unlock, see video, etc.)

📖 Step-by-Step Plan

1. Set up Home Assistant

1. Get a small device like a Raspberry Pi 4, or use a mini-PC
2. Install [Home Assistant OS](#)
3. Connect it to your home network

2. Integrate Devices

Device Home Assistant Integration

IQ Panel	Likely replace with Z-Wave USB stick (IQ Panel may be locked to Safe Haven)
SkyBell	Limited integration – consider replacing with Ring/Doorbird if needed
Kwikset Lock	Works via Z-Wave or Wi-Fi depending on model
myQ Garage	Home Assistant supports myQ (requires login, but no subscription)
Honeywell Thermostat	Supported if it's Wi-Fi or Z-Wave model

If your Kwikset and thermostats are Z-Wave: Use a **Z-Wave USB dongle** (like Aeotec Z-Stick) with Home Assistant.

App Features (Home Assistant)

1. View camera feed (with compatible cams)
2. Lock/unlock doors + PIN control
3. Control garage and thermostat
4. Set automations (e.g., motion triggers notifications)
5. Works inside and outside home (via secure remote access)





Optional Device Replacements (if current gear is locked or limited)

Current Replacement

IQ Panel	Z-Wave stick + Home Assistant
SkyBell (limited control)	Reolink Doorbell / DoorBird / Ring with Home Assistant
Kwikset (if Z-Wave)	Works!
myQ	Works (some people use myQ workaround)
Honeywell Thermostat	Works if Wi-Fi or Z-Wave

Summary

You can ditch the \$25/month subscription **and keep full control** of your smart home. Here's the big picture:

1.  Control everything via **Home Assistant App**
2.  Keep all automation (door, camera, thermostat, garage)
3.  Local control = no monthly fee
4.  May need to replace or reset some devices if they're locked to Safe Haven

Want help identifying which devices you have exactly (e.g., lock/thermostat model numbers) so I can tailor it tighter? Or I can help you with shopping list and setup instructions too.

Requirements: Give me the Option with Hubitat and SmartThings

Absolutely — let's break it down using **Hubitat** and **SmartThings** as your alternatives to the Alarm App + Safe Haven subscription. Both can get you very close to your desired setup, with **no monthly fees** and **single-app control**.

Your Requirements Recap

1. No subscription

2. Remote door lock/unlock + PIN reset
3. Doorbell camera view + motion alerts
4. Garage control
5. Dual-zone thermostat control
6. Unified app control (like Alarm App)

🔍 **OPTION 1: Hubitat Elevation**

✳️ **Pros:**

1. 100% local control (no internet needed for automations)
2. No subscription ever
3. Strong Z-Wave/Zigbee support (great for locks and thermostats)
4. App available for remote access
5. Can integrate with some IP cameras

🔌 **Device Compatibility:**

Device Hubitat Integration

Kwikset Lock (Z-Wave) ☒ Full support, PIN reset too

SkyBell Doorbell ⚠️ Limited — no native support. May need replacement (Reolink, Unifi, Ring with workaround)

myQ Garage Door ☒ Works via community integration

Honeywell Thermostats ☒ Z-Wave versions work great; Wi-Fi via cloud integration

IQ Panel ❌ Likely not compatible — replace with Z-Wave hub like Hubitat itself

📱 **App Control:**

1. Hubitat app for remote access
2. Dashboard you can customize (lock, camera, garage, temp)
3. Notifications via app or text

Automation:

1. Powerful rule engine (“Rule Machine”)
2. Example: “If motion at front door + after sunset → Notify + turn on porch light”

Suggested Add-ons:

1. **Z-Wave stick or sensors** (if needed)
2. **Replacement Doorbell** (e.g., Reolink, Eufy, Ring with cloud integration)


OPTION 2: Samsung SmartThings (new Aeotec version)


Pros:

1. Easier to set up than Hubitat
2. Good ecosystem and mobile app
3. Cloud + local hybrid
4. Good camera integration via SmartThings-compatible brands

Device Compatibility:

Device SmartThings Integration

Kwikset Lock  Full support, remote + PIN management

SkyBell  Not natively supported — suggest replacing with Ring or compatible video doorbell

- myQ Garage** ☒ Works with Chamberlain integration
- Honeywell Thermostat** ☒ Wi-Fi models integrate via cloud
- IQ Panel** ☒ Not compatible — use SmartThings as your new “hub”

App Control:

- SmartThings app (great UI)
- One place for everything: locks, thermostats, garage, motion alerts
- Can use voice assistants like Alexa/Google

Automation:

- Automations and scenes (easy setup)
- Example: “Unlock front door + turn on downstairs lights when you arrive home”

Summary: Hubitat vs. SmartThings

Feature **Hubitat** **SmartThings**

Monthly Cost	Free	Free
Local Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full local	 Partial (some cloud-based)
Ease of Use	 Advanced users	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beginner-friendly
Z-Wave/Zigbee Support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good
Camera Support	 Limited	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Better with compatible brands

Automation Power	✓ Super flexible	✓ Good, simpler
App Experience	Simple, customizable Polished, intuitive	
Future-proofing	DIY focused	Cloud-dependent

🔍 What You'll Likely Need:

1. **Hubitat Elevation C-8** (or SmartThings/Aeotec Hub)
2. Confirm **Kwikset is Z-Wave or Zigbee** (or Wi-Fi)
3. Possibly replace **SkyBell** with:
4. **Ring, Reolink, or Eufy** (for video + motion)
5. myQ works on both platforms
6. Honeywell Thermostat usually supported

Want help choosing between them based on your comfort level? Or I can walk you through the ideal shopping list and setup steps for either path.

Requirements

Compare all the 3 options viz., Hubitat, SmartThings, Home Assistance Perfect — let's build out your **shopping list and setup plan**, tailored to your smart home gear and the hub platform you choose.





I'll give you **three versions** of the shopping/setup list:

1. 🔧 **Home Assistant (powerful, DIY-friendly)**
2. ⚙️ **Hubitat Elevation (local, stable, mid-level effort)**
3. 📱 **SmartThings (easiest setup)**

🔧 HOME ASSISTANT SHOPPING & SETUP

🛒 Shopping List

Item Details

-  Raspberry Pi 4 (4GB+) or Intel NUC ~\$80–\$200 depending on hardware
-  Z-Wave/Zigbee USB Stick [Zooz S2 Stick](#) or Aeotec Z-Stick 7 (~\$40)
-  (Optional) Nabu Casa for remote access \$6.50/month (optional)
-  Optional: Replace SkyBell with Reolink, Ring, or UniFi doorbell \$60–\$150



Setup Steps

1. **Install Home Assistant OS** (on Pi/NUC or VirtualBox)
2. **Plug in Z-Wave USB stick** for Kwikset + Thermostats
3. **Install Integrations** for:
4. myQ for garage
5. Honeywell or Z-Wave for thermostat
6. IP Camera (Reolink, UniFi, etc.)
7. **Create Dashboards** with door lock, garage, temp, camera
8. **Add Automations** (e.g., lock door at night, alert on motion)

HUBITAT ELEVATION SETUP

Shopping List

Item Details

-  Hubitat Elevation C-8 Hub ~\$150
-  Replace SkyBell (if needed) Reolink, Eufy, UniFi

 Optional Dashboard Tablet Fire HD 8 or old tablet (~\$70)

Setup Steps

1. **Plug in Hubitat Hub**
2. **Pair Devices via Z-Wave/Zigbee:**
3. Kwikset Lock
4. Honeywell Thermostats
5. **Install Community Drivers:**
6. myQ Garage Door integration
7. **Use Built-in Dashboard Creator:**
8. Add Lock, Camera Feed (if supported), Garage, Thermostat
9. **Set up Automations** in Rule Machine

 **Camera Support Tip:** Hubitat does not support live SkyBell feeds — suggest replacing with something like:

1. **Reolink Doorbell** (works with ONVIF)
2. **Eufy with RTSP**
3. **UniFi Protect** (if using UniFi ecosystem)

SMARTTHINGS SETUP

Shopping List

Item Details

 Aeotec SmartThings Hub ~\$130

 Replace SkyBell with Ring Doorbell (native support) ~\$100

 Use SmartThings App (Free) -

📖 Setup Steps

1. **Set up SmartThings Hub**
2. **Pair Devices:**
3. Kwikset Lock (Z-Wave or Wi-Fi)
4. Thermostat (Wi-Fi or Z-Wave)
5. myQ Garage (via Chamberlain integration)
6. Ring Doorbell (for video + notifications)
7. **Use SmartThings App to:**
8. Control all devices
9. Get motion alerts
10. Lock/unlock door remotely
11. **Set Automations** (e.g., unlock + disarm system, adjust temp)

⚖️ Final Pick Based on Comfort Level

Your Comfort With Tech Suggested Platform

🧠 Comfortable with setup + DIY Home Assistant

⚙️ Moderate, want local + reliable Hubitat

📱 Prefer plug & play + clean app SmartThings

Want me to tailor a list **based on your exact devices (lock model, thermostat model, etc.)**? If you drop model numbers or pics, I can make sure everything works out of the box.

Great idea — let's **compare Home Assistant, Hubitat, and SmartThings** head-to-head so you can pick the best fit for your smart home setup **without a subscription**.

Here's a detailed comparison, focused specifically on your needs: unified app control, door lock, camera, garage, thermostat, no monthly fees, and automation.

Smart Home Hub Comparison

Feature **Home Assistant** **Habitat Elevation** **SmartThings (Aeotec)**

Cost	Free (Open-source)	~\$80–\$150 (hardware)	~\$150	~\$130
Monthly Fees	✗ None	✗ None	✗ None	
App Quality	Good, customizable	(can feel technical)	Simple, functional	Excellent UX
Remote Access	✓ Free via Nabu Casa (\$6/mo optional, not required)	✓ Free via app	✓ Free via app	
Local Control	✓ Full (Privacy + Speed)	✓ Full	⚠ Partial (cloud-dependent)	
Z-Wave/Zigbee Support	✓ Excellent (via USB stick)	✓ Built-in	✓ Built-in	
Wi-Fi Device Support	✓ Strong	⚠ Limited	✓ Strong	
Camera Integration	✓ Broad (e.g. Reolink, Unifi, etc.)	⚠ Limited	✓ Works with Ring, Nest, etc.	
Kwikset Smart Lock	✓ Full support (PIN, remote)	✓ Full support	✓ Full support	
SkyBell Doorbell	⚠ Limited (no local API)	⚠ Not supported	⚠ Not supported	
Garage (myQ)	✓ Works via integration	✓ Works via community driver	✓ Native support	

Honeywell Thermostat	✓ Works (Z-Wave & Wi-Fi)	✓ Z-Wave models only	✓ Works (Wi-Fi & Z-Wave)
Unified Dashboard	✓ Fully customizable	✓ Basic dashboards	✓ Built-in app dashboard
Automation	✓ Extremely flexible	(Node-RED, YAML, GUI)	✓ Advanced (Rule Machine) ✓ Easy (Scenes, Routines)
Learning Curve	⚠ Steep	⚠ Moderate	✓ Easy
Voice Assistants	Alexa, Google, Siri	Alexa, Google	Alexa, Google

✓ Based on Your Priorities:

Goal Best Option

Avoid subscription & retain full control Home Assistant or Hubitat


Simple setup, clean mobile app	SmartThings
Camera + Motion Notifications	Home Assistant (best flexibility)
PIN management for Kwikset lock	All 3 (if lock is Z-Wave/Wi-Fi)
Garage control (myQ)	All 3 support it
Dual-zone thermostat (Honeywell)	All 3 (if model is compatible)
Best for tech-savvy/power user	Home Assistant


Best out-of-box, minimal tinkering **SmartThings**


Best privacy + no cloud dependence **Hubitat or Home Assistant**

TL;DR Recommendation

If You Want... Go With

 Ultimate control & no cloud **Home Assistant**

 Balance of power + ease **Hubitat Elevation**

 Polished app & easy setup **SmartThings**

Want me to give you a **shopping/setup list** based on which one you lean toward? Or help confirm which devices (e.g., lock/thermostat model numbers) will definitely work before you buy?

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Devices and Links

1. DeviceList
2. [SmartThings Hub 3rd Generation \[GP-U999SJVLGDA\]](#)
3. Hubitat



5. [Hubitat Elevation Home Automation Hub](#)
6. [home-assistant](#)
7. [Home Assistant](#)
8. [SONOFF SNZB-01P Zigbee Wireless Switch - Home Assistant Compatible](#)
9. [SONOFF Zigbee 3.0 USB Dongle Plus Gateway, Universal Zigbee USB Gateway with Antenna for Home Assistant, IoBroker, Wireless Zigbee 3.0 USB Adapter](#)
10. 

Certainly! Here are the links to the smart home hubs I mentioned earlier:

1. [Aeotec Smart Home Hub](#): This hub serves as a central control unit, connecting Z-Wave, Zigbee, or Wi-Fi devices that are Works with SmartThings certified. [?cite?turn0search15???](#)
2. **Hubitat Elevation**: A local, reliable, fast, and private home automation hub that connects your smart home devices. [?cite?turn0search2???](#) ** Very good Option. It has 3 Models
3. Best Model
4. [Hubitat Elevation® Model C-8 Pro](#): 169\$
5. [Hubitat Elevation Home Automation Hub](#): 150\$
6. [Hubitat Elevation Home Automation Hub \(Model C-7\) Compatible with Alexa, HomeKit, Google Home, Zigbee, Z-Wave, Lutron](#): 100\$ Note: Try to avoid this model since, it has limited protocol support
7. [Aqara Smart Hub M3 for Home Automation, Matter Controller, Thread Border Router, Features Zigbee, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, PoE, IR, Supports Alexa, Apple HomeKit, SmartThings, IFTTT](#) : 109\$ Best Value

If one time cost is not an issue go for the pro model which is 200\$ which has max support.

Refer to [soultion](#) file