Privacy Policy

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Hearth is a private home for the everyday things a family shares: recipes, shopping lists, meal plans, and household notes. A family organiser should help you run your home without handing your home life to anyone else — so Hearth works without an account, without a cloud, and without collecting anything about you.

This Privacy Policy explains our approach to your data: what information the app does and does not collect, and why.

Who is responsible for the app?

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This is the entity responsible for the app and the point of contact for any matter relating to this Policy. (These details are also published as the trader contact information on the app's store page, where required.)

Definitions

- **Data Controller** — the natural or legal person, public authority, agency, or other body that, alone or jointly with others, determines the purposes and means of processing personal data.
- **Policy** — this Privacy Policy.
- **Personal data** — any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person who can be identified by one or more factors specific to their physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural, or social identity, including a device IP address, location data, and an online identifier.
- **User** — any natural person who uses the App.
- **App** — the Hearth application made available by the Controller.
- **Paired device** — another device running Hearth that you have deliberately connected to yours by scanning its QR code or entering its pairing code.

What information do you collect about me?

None. Hearth uses no analytics, no crash reporting, no advertising, no user accounts, and no servers of any kind. We never receive your recipes, lists, plans, notes, or anything about how you use the app.

Everything you create in Hearth is stored on your own device:

- **Your content** — recipes (including their photos), shopping lists, meal plans, and notes — is kept in a local database on your device.
- **Your settings** — language, appearance, and similar preferences — are stored locally on your device.
- **Your device identity** — a cryptographic key created on your device the first time you set it up. It is kept in the platform's secure storage (the iOS Keychain or the Android Keystore) and never leaves your device.
- **Your paired devices** — the name and public identity of each device you have paired, so your device can recognise it the next time you sync.
- **A diagnostic log** — a short record of technical events (for example, sync attempts) that helps with troubleshooting. It stays on your device and is never sent anywhere. You can view, copy, or clear it in the app; it only leaves your device if you choose to copy it and send it to someone yourself, for example in a support email.

How does syncing between family devices work?

Hearth syncs directly between the devices you have paired, over your local Wi-Fi network. There is no Hearth cloud and no central server, and no third party sits between your devices — including us.

- **Pairing.** You pair a device once, by scanning a QR code shown on the other device or by entering a short pairing code. Before any data is exchanged, the two devices confirm each other's identity using their device keys.
- **What is shared.** Your recipes, shopping lists, meal plans, and notes are shared with every device you have paired, so the whole family sees the same content. Only pair devices that belong to people you want to share this content with.
- **Where it travels.** Sync data travels only across your local network, between your paired devices. Every exchange is signed so that each device can verify where the data came from, but the data itself is not encrypted on the local network. For this reason, sync only on a network you trust, such as your home Wi-Fi.

Importing recipes from a link

If you import a recipe from a web link, your device downloads that web page directly from the website you chose, so that Hearth can read the recipe on your device. That request goes from your device straight to the website, and we are not involved. Like any web visit, the website can see the request — for example, your IP address. Its handling of that information is governed by that website's own privacy policy.

Backups and exports

- **Export and import.** You can export your Hearth data to a backup file and import it on another device. The file is created on your device and goes only where you choose to save or send it.
- **Operating-system backups.** If you have turned on your phone's own backup (iCloud Backup on iOS, or Google's device backup on Android), the operating system may include Hearth's data in that backup, as it does for most apps. That backup is handled by Apple or Google under their privacy policies, and we never receive it. Apple: https://www.apple.com/legal/privacy/. Google: https://policies.google.com/privacy.

What about in-app purchases?

Hearth is free. It has no in-app purchases, no subscriptions, and no ads.

How do you use my information?

No data is collected, and as a result none is used. The data the app stores on your device exists only to provide the app's features — keeping your recipes, lists, plans, and notes, and syncing them with the devices you have paired.

What device permissions does the app use?

Hearth asks for a permission only when you use the feature that needs it:

- **Camera** — to scan a pairing QR code, and to take a photo for a recipe.
- **Photo library** — to attach an existing photo to a recipe.
- **Local network** — to find and sync with your paired devices on the same Wi-Fi network.

Hearth does not request access to your location, contacts, microphone, or calendar.

Will you send me emails?

No.

Will you share my information?

No. We do not have your information, so there is nothing for us to share. Hearth contains no analytics, advertising, or tracking software. The content you create is shared only with the devices you choose to pair, directly over your local network.

Can I delete my information?

All of Hearth's data lives on your devices. You can delete everything on a device at once by using "Erase & switch" in the app's Settings, or by uninstalling the app. Content that has already been synced to your other paired devices stays on those devices until it is deleted there too. Because no user data is stored on any server, there is no remote account or data for us to delete.

Children

Hearth is a household organiser meant for adults to manage their family's home life. It is not directed at children, and because the app collects no data, it collects none from children either.

Will this Privacy Policy ever change?

We may need to update this Policy to reflect changes in the app or in applicable laws. We will, however, always maintain our commitment to protecting your privacy. Any changes will be posted here, and your continued use of the app after a change will be subject to the updated Policy.

If you have any questions or concerns about this Privacy Policy, please contact us at support@codewanderer.dev.

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