Zeno Home and Zeno Kitchen

What is new in November 2026

Both apps

30-day trial, no card

Every household gets Plus free for 30 days, with no card. In Zeno Home that is Zeno Plus. In Zeno Kitchen it gives you Kitchen Plus. After 30 days, your household moves to Free unless you subscribe. Nothing is deleted. Photo scans, recipe cleanup, meal ideas, and written steps start with a paid plan. They are not part of the trial. In Settings, the Plus page shows how many days are left.

Free and Plus

Free keeps the everyday tools in both apps. Zeno Home Free covers responsibilities, to-dos, routines, points, the Shop, allowance, House Captain walks and grades, the family calendar, grocery lists with Add again, and a weekly meal plan. Zeno Kitchen Free covers Tonight, the weekly meal plan, grocery lists by store with Add again, Share list, using a recipe once to fill the list, and export or delete your data.

Plus adds more. Zeno Home Plus adds approvals, rotating jobs, the weekly timer challenge, reward rules, House Captain extras, and the parent Home overview. Kitchen Plus adds the saved recipe box, Cook Mode, recipe import and starter recipes, ingredient swaps, recipes from a photo or screenshot, the weekly dinner chooser and Decide for me, Stock at home, receipts, remembered aisle order, and list handoff to supported stores. Zeno Home Plus includes Kitchen Plus.

Free history and the Help page

On Free, progress, timer, and allowance history cover this week and last week. House check photos are kept 30 days. Plus keeps all history. The new Help page is at zenoone.com/help/. You can also write to msiljander@zenoone.com.

Zeno Home

Approvals by device

Approving now depends on the device you hold.

- On a shared device, you enter the household PIN, then tap your name. A shared device with no PIN cannot approve. The screen has a button, "Open Household PIN settings".
- On a parent's own phone, you approve as yourself with no PIN. To approve as a different adult, you tap that adult's name and enter the PIN.
- The points history reads "Approved by" and the approver's name, and adds whose phone it was when the two differ.

Approvals are part of Zeno Plus. On Free, check-offs count straight away, and only late check-offs wait. When Plus ends, check-offs that are waiting are approved automatically.

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A kid can approve other kids' check-offs

With Plus, an adult can let a kid approve the other kids' check-offs. Open Settings, then "People & devices", then "Members". Under the kid, tick "Can approve other kids' check-offs". The screen says "They cannot approve their own."

House Captain grades: A, B, C, F

When House Captain is on, the Captain walks the house and grades each area A, B, C, or F. A counts 4, B 3, C 2, and F 0. An average of 3.5 to 4.0 is an A, 2.5 to 3.4 is a B, 1.5 to 2.4 is a C, and below 1.5 is an F. A C or F sends the jobs tied to that area back. Grades, streaks, averages, make-ups, and rewards are for the kids. A grown-up's area can be graded, and the grade counts for nobody.

Grading works on Free. On Plus, you can also give bonus points for passing days in a row, give a reward for a good monthly average, and allow one make-up job a month. Finishing the walk can earn points on every plan. Set it under "Points for finishing the walk (0 is off)".

Zeno Kitchen

- **Share list** is on the Lists screen. Tap it to send the unchecked items as text. A device with no share sheet copies the text instead. It is free.
- **Add again** holds the things you buy most weeks, one tap from any list. It is free on every plan.
- **Quantities add up** when the same item is added twice. "1 cup" plus "2 cups" reads "3 cups". "lemon" joins "Lemons".
- **Items go to the store you bought them at.** After you buy an item at a store, it goes to that store's list the next time you add it. An item with no store waits in "To sort".

Other fixes you may notice

- Kitchen: "Take photo" opens the camera, and "Upload photo" opens the picker.
- Kitchen: Tonight and Meals use the same rating buttons, "Definitely again", "OK", and "Not again", and both open at 7 pm.
- Kitchen: a kitchen with only its owner can rate dinner on Tonight.
- Kitchen: a recipe page that is too large to read says to paste only the recipe text.
- Zeno Home: turning off "Share anonymous usage counts and error reports from this device" also stops error reports.

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