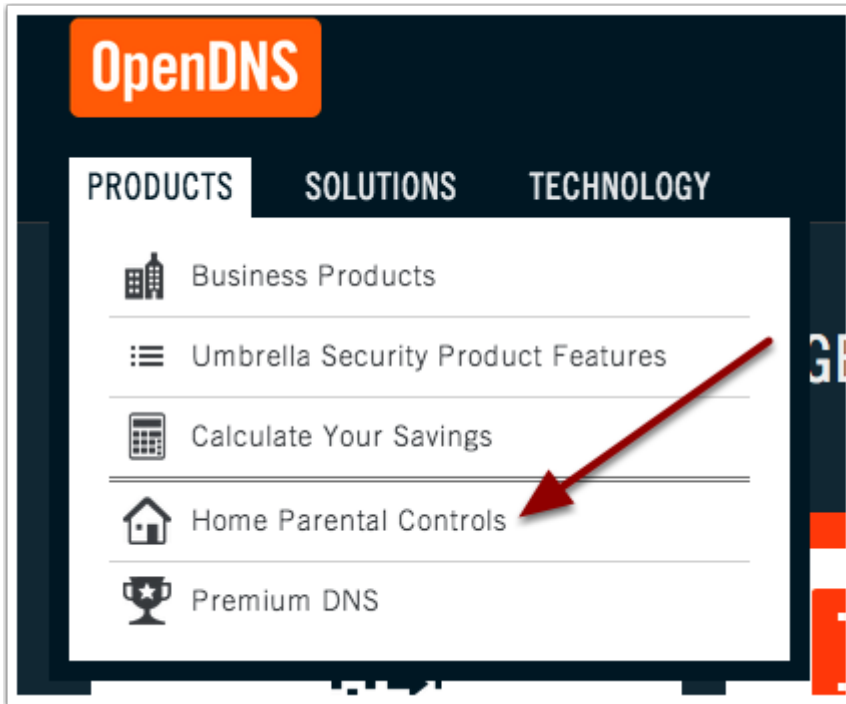# Setting up OpenDNS Family Shield
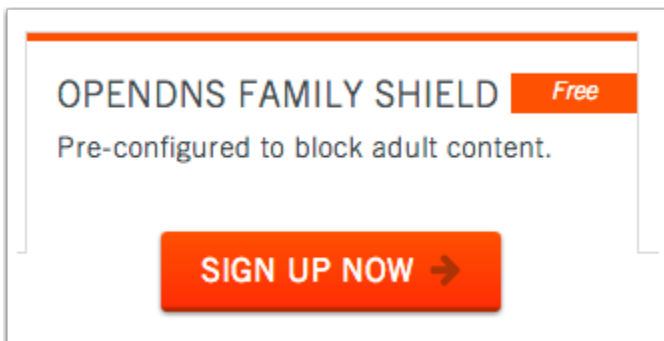
Step 1

Visit www.opendns.com and from the *Products* menu select *Home Parental Controls*

Step 2

Select OpenDNS Family Shield and click Sign Up Now.

Step 3

On this screen you can just select continue setup without signing up.

Step 4

Select Router from this screen.

Step 5

You can choose the make of your router from this screen to get custom setup help or, if your router is not listed, choose general router instructions. For the purposes of this guide we will choose general router instructions.

Step 6

Follow the instructions on the following screen to set up your router. If you are not sure where to browse to get the preferences page of your router, some common ones to try are:

http://192.168.0.1
http://192.168.0.254
http://192.168.1.1
http://192.168.1.254
http://192.168.2.1
http://192.168.2.254

If these do not work, please look for a label on the router with this information (Router IP Address) or consult the user manual. Once the changes have been made you can move forward to a page that will test if you have correctly set up the router.

Set up FamilyShield: Configuration for router

1. Open the preferences for your router.
2. Find the DNS server settings.
3. Put in the OpenDNS server addresses as your DNS server settings and save/apply.
4. Cache Flushing

1. Open the preferences for your router.

Often, the preferences are set in your web browser, via a URL with numbers (example: http://192.168.0.1). You may need a password.

> If you're like us, and you set the router password long ago and cannot remember it now, you can often reset the password to the manufacturer default by pressing a button on the router itself.

Or preferences may be set via specific application for your router, which you installed on your computer when you added the router.

2. Find the DNS server settings.

Scan for the letters **DNS** next to a field which allows two or three sets of numbers, each broken into four groups of one to three numbers. It might look like this:

64	.	158	.	219	.	100
64	.	158	.	219	.	200

3. Put in the OpenDNS server addresses as your DNS server settings and save/apply.

Please write down your current settings before entering the OpenDNS addresses, just in case.

208.67.222.123
208.67.220.123

4. Cache Flushing

Once you have configured your DNS settings and saved them, we highly suggest that you flush your DNS resolver cache and web browser caches to ensure that your new DNS configuration settings take immediate effect.

NEXT: Test your new settings →

Step 7

That's it. You have now configured your router to use OpenDNS Family Shield. All devices in your house should now use the new settings (although this can take a few hours to take effect)