

# In Touch

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## Before You Dig, Always Call 811

Whether you're planting trees and shrubs or putting up a new fence, Woodstock Telephone Company reminds you to pick up your phone before you pick up your shovel.

You're required to call 811 a few days before you do any digging on your property. Professionals from local utility providers will come out and mark the location of any buried electrical, gas, cable TV, or other service lines. This protects your safety and helps prevent service interruptions in your neighborhood. If you don't call 811, you could incur fines and repair costs.



As one of your providers, we thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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*Unlimited Internet*  
IS THE ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

**BUFFET**

FOR YOUR

*Data-Hungry Family*

Do your family members have voracious appetites for things like gaming and streaming movies through Netflix? Some Internet providers make you pay extra when your data usage goes above a certain limit. But not us.

Our Unlimited High Speed Internet is truly unlimited. Enjoy your fill of data plus a deliciously fast connection—up to 50 Mbps download—for a set price. Plans start at just \$39.99\*/month.

**HUNGRY TO SAVE MONEY? CALL 507-658-3830.**

\*Service availability and Internet speed will depend on location. All prices subject to change. Contact us for complete details.

## Top 3 Reasons to Have a Landline

Landline phone service gives you:

1. **Reliability.** You can count on constant connections, since power outages won't affect a landline.
2. **Safety.** 911 operators receive your exact location automatically when you call whether you have the capability of speaking or not.
3. **Dependable Quality.** When was the last time your landline dropped a call or had bad reception?

It just makes sense to keep a landline in your communications mix.

## A Request From Our Techs To Customers With Dogs

Each day, about 1,000 U.S. citizens require emergency treatment for a dog bite. The technicians of ABC Company need your help to avoid becoming part of that statistic.

If you have a dog in your home and an installation or repair visit is scheduled, please take these precautions to reduce the likelihood of bites:

- Check your yard before letting your dog out to make sure our technician isn't on your property.
- When one of our technicians comes to your home, keep your dog inside and away from the door, either in another room or on a leash.
- Don't let your child get close to our technician in the presence of your dog. A dog's instinct is to protect family members from strangers.



Thanks for your cooperation with this safety issue.

## Statistically Speaking: Internet Access and Usage

While global Internet usage has grown tremendously in recent years, not everyone in the world is lucky enough to have Internet access. According to an infographic posted in September 2012 on [www.makeuseof.com](http://www.makeuseof.com), if the world were 1,000 people, only 271 would be Internet users. Of those 271 people, there would be 57 Chinese, 35 American, 11 Brazilian, 9 Indian, 6 Nigerian, 3 Indonesian, and 2 Australian. No other country would have more than one Internet user.



When you look deeper at Internet access and usage in the United States, the numbers are also striking. For example, rural areas in the U.S. are more apt to suffer a lack of high-speed Internet access; while about 88 percent of urban households in the U.S. have access to high-speed Internet service, only 40 percent of rural households do. These statistics come from the Federal Communications Commission and the Commerce Department.

A survey completed in April 2012 by the Pew Internet Project showed that that 66 percent of U.S. adults now have high-speed broadband connections at home. By comparison, in February 2001 — when about half of adults were online — only 4 percent of U.S. households had broadband access.

What are people doing while online? The Pew Internet Project offers statistics on the percentage of adult Internet users in the U.S. who do various activities on a typical day. Here are the top activities and their percentages:

Check the weather	34%
Get news	45%
Go online just for fun or to pass the time	44%
Look for info on a hobby or interest	35%
Send or read email	59%
Use a search engine to find information	59%
Use a social networking site like Facebook, LinkedIn, or Google Plus	48%

**The more you use the Internet, the more speed you need. Call 507-658-3830 to check on our current availability, speeds, and pricing.**