

# In Touch

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## Happy Father's Day From Woodstock Communications

Whether called Dad, Daddy, Papa, or Pop, we hope all the fathers in our community have a fun-filled Father's Day on June 19. You bring so much to family life, and Woodstock Communications is inspired by your dedication.

Since summer officially begins two days after Father's Day on June 21, it's a great week to get outside. Perhaps you can fire up the grill, play some golf, or take in a baseball game. Have fun in the sun!

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You'll jump for joy after you upgrade your Internet speed — especially if you stream a lot of movies and TV shows, have an online gamer in the family, or use multiple devices simultaneously. Because when your speed goes up, so does your enjoyment of the Internet experience.



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## Top Reasons to Have a Landline Phone

The Federal Communications Commission has offered this advice when it comes to home phone service, "A balanced choice is often the best one—a combination of landline and wireless phones may be the right choice for you."

### Here are great reasons to keep a landline at your home:

1. When you call 911, your address automatically displays.
2. Gives you superior sound quality and clarity.
3. Works even during an electrical outage.
4. Eliminates the need to charge batteries.
5. Provides unlimited local calling.
6. Never drops your calls.
7. Can't be hacked.
8. Provides you with a directory listing.
9. Keeps your communications dollars here to boost our local economy.



## Many Factors Can Affect Your Internet Speed

If you've tested your Internet speed at [www.speedtest.net](http://www.speedtest.net) or a similar site and it's not what you expected, your first thought might be to contact your Internet Service Provider. Keep in mind, however, that a number of things could be decreasing your Internet speed. They include:

### Multiple Devices Connected Simultaneously

Does your household have multiple laptops, tablets, game consoles, and smartphones? This can reduce the overall Internet speed each device receives, since when multiple devices are connected simultaneously to the same network, they must share the available bandwidth.

### Bandwidth-Demanding Applications

Applications such as streaming movies and TV shows, playing online games, and video conferencing will consume more bandwidth than things like checking email, so they can reduce your overall Internet speed.

### Poor Computer Performance

The culprit for disappointing speeds could be your computer—such as an old and unstable operating system or insufficient memory. In addition, if your computer is infected with adware or spyware, you may experience diminished computer performance and a stream of pop-up ads. This will likely cause everything on your computer to work more slowly.

### Insufficient Wireless Router

Wireless router specification is an important factor in your home's Internet performance. If an older router that does not support high speed is used, Internet speed will be correspondingly reduced. For example, if you are signed up for 40 Mbps service and your outdated wireless router only supports up to 10 Mbps, your Internet speed will only reach up to about 10 Mbps. Buying a new 801.1ac router is one of the best ways to make sure your network is as fast and reliable as possible.

### Interference in Your Home Network

Other wireless devices—such as older cordless phones, baby monitors, some security cameras, and microwaves—can cause interference in your home, weakening your wireless router's signal and affecting your Internet speed.

**Woodstock Communications can answer questions about home networks and help you get the Internet speed you need. Call us at 507-658-3830 to learn more.**

