

# In Touch

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"The difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson."

— TOM BODETT

We all have lessons to learn. So while this time of year conjures up images of kids heading back to classrooms, everyday is a chance for everyone to pick up new knowledge.

As your local communications provider, Woodstock Telephone Company is happy to teach you about our services and related technology. For example, are you unsure about what Internet speed you need? Or do you need a lesson on working your TV remote or setting up a wireless network at home? There are no stupid questions; ask away! Stop by our office or give us a call at 507-658-3830.

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## MORE INTERNET SPEED

## MEANS MORE ENJOYMENT FOR MORE USERS ON MORE DEVICES

How many family members are typically online at your house and what are they doing? Many households now need more Internet speed to handle more streaming, more gaming, more downloading, and more socializing. Fortunately, you can get a lot more Mbps for just a little more money:

**UP TO 50 MBPS DOWNLOAD SPEED. PRICES STARTING AT \$39.99!**

**CALL 507-658-3830 TO START ENJOYING MORE!**

\*Service availability and Internet speed will depend on location. Price subject to change. Other Internet speeds available. Contact us for details.

## Leading Sites for Instructional Videos

Thanks to the Internet, you can easily access experts to find out about any subject — anytime, anywhere. Whether your son needs assistance with algebra or you could use a lesson on landscaping, online videos let you watch and learn whenever it's most convenient for you. Here's a list of some popular sites to check out:

[www.bigthink.com](http://www.bigthink.com)

Video interviews with 600+ thought leaders in a range of fields

[www.brightstorm.com](http://www.brightstorm.com)

Short-form online video lessons by professional educators

[www.mathtv.com](http://www.mathtv.com)

Professional video lessons in mathematics covering basic math through calculus

[www.howcast.com](http://www.howcast.com)

Professional and user-generated how-to videos

[www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org)

Collection of more than 200,000 free historical videos

[www.cosmolearning.com](http://www.cosmolearning.com)

Aggregator of free, online video lessons and documentaries

[www.pbs.org/video](http://www.pbs.org/video)

Free videos from your favorite PBS programs, including NOVA and Frontline

[www.wonderhowto.com](http://www.wonderhowto.com)

How-to videos for all kinds of tasks

[www.youtube.com/edu](http://www.youtube.com/edu)

Free lectures from more than 100 colleges and universities



## Landline vs. Wireless Phones

There are many ways to keep in touch and each has its own advantages and disadvantages. Woodstock Telephone Company wants you to be aware of the differences between landline and wireless phone services so you can make informed decisions for your family.

### Landline

- You have unlimited local calling.
- You receive a free listing in the telephone directory.
- In an emergency, E-911 service can trace your exact location.
- A landline telephone works during a power outage.
- For added convenience, landlines offer features like Call Waiting, Call Forward, and Voice Mail.

### Wireless

- Incoming and outgoing calls count against your total minutes.
- In an emergency, E-911 service may not be able to pinpoint your exact location.
- During a power outage, you will have to wait for power to be restored before you can charge your phone.
- If your home is in an area that does not provide clear reception, your calls may be patchy, unclear, or dropped.

For many people, a combination of landline and wireless phone services is the right choice. Call Woodstock Telephone Company for help with all your landline needs.

## Do You Know the Color Code of Locate Crews?

You're probably familiar with the law that says you must call 811 before digging on your property. But do you know what happens after you make that call?

Locate crews from member utility companies are told where you are planning to dig and they will typically arrive within a few days to mark the location of underground utility lines. These markings may be done with paint or flags and will use this universal color code:

- **Red** – Electric
- **Orange** – Communications, Telephone/CATV
- **Blue** – Potable Water
- **Green** – Sewer/Drainage

- **Yellow** – Gas/Petroleum Pipe Line
- **Purple** – Reclaimed Water
- **White** – Premark site of intended excavation

Check the digging area carefully before proceeding with your project. Make sure to dig around the marks and not on them. Some utility lines may be buried at a shallow depth, and an unintended shovel thrust can bring you right back to square one, facing potentially dangerous and/or costly consequences.

Safe digging is no accident. Always call 811 before you dig.

