

# InTouch

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## Dig Into August Trivia

August was named in honor of Augustus Caesar and has 31 days because Augustus wanted as many days as Julius Caesar's month of July. August is also related to the word "auger," a hole-digging tool, because farmers dug for next season at this time every year.

Speaking of digging, remember to call 811 to have utility lines marked —free of charge—before you dig on your property. As one of your local service providers, Woodstock Telephone Company thanks you in advance for helping to prevent damage to underground lines.

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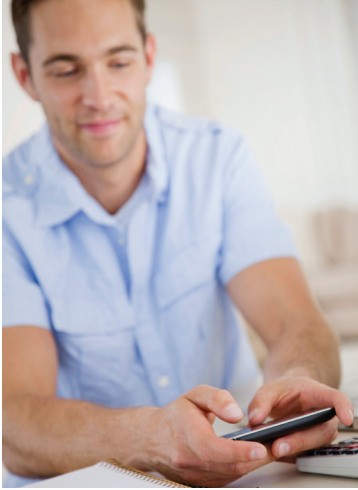
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## A Smart Combination:

### Smartphones and Your Home Wi-Fi Network

Do you and your family members have smartphones? Is your home set up with a Wi-Fi network? If the answer is yes to both questions, we have a suggestion for you. When using your smartphone at home, you may want to access the Internet via your Wi-Fi network rather than use the national wireless network of your smartphone provider.

This strategy has a couple of advantages. A home Wi-Fi network typically offers a faster Internet connection than many national wireless networks. It can also save you money, especially if you don't have an unlimited data plan, by eliminating the need to use your smartphone's data plan while at home.

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# What Do the Digits in Phone Numbers Mean?

The phone number you use to call someone is basically an address. Think of the three parts like a street address, where the area code is the city, the prefix is the street, and the line number is the house.

The length of the phone number varies depending on the country you are calling. In many European countries, phone numbers are variable in length, ranging from just five or six digits in small towns to ten or more in large cities. In the United States, phone numbers are fixed-length, with a total of 10 digits. The 3-3-4 scheme, developed by AT&T in 1947, uses three blocks of numbers arranged in two blocks of three and a single block of four digits.

**Area code** - Regulated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), area codes are used to designate a specific geographic region, such as a city or part of a state.

**Prefix** - The prefix originally referred to the specific switch that a phone line connected to. Each switch at a phone carrier's central office had a unique three-digit number. With the arrival of computerized switches, many systems now allow local number portability. This means that a customer's phone number can be moved to another switch without having to change any part of it, including the prefix, as long as the customer does not move out of the local-rate area.

**Line number** - This is the number assigned at the switch level to the phone line that you are using. Since the number is assigned to the line and not to the phone itself, you can easily change phones or add more phones to the same line.

**Call Woodstock Telephone Company at 507-658-3830 for help with your phone needs.**



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