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Many Factors Can Affect Your Internet Speed

If you’ve tested your Internet speed at <http://netins.net/speedtest> and it’s not what you expected, your first thought might be to contact Jefferson Telecom. 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 For example, if you are signed up for 30 Mbps service and your outdated wireless router only supports up to 10 Mbps, your Internet speed will only reach up to about 10 Mbps.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 802.11n 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.

Jefferson Telecom can answer questions about home networks and help you get the Internet speed you need. Call us at 515-386-4141 to learn more.



10 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. Saves you money when you bundle services.
9. Provides you with a directory listing.
10. Keeps your communications dollars here to boost our local economy.

For an excellent value, ask about bundling your services with a landline phone line with unlimited local calling. Call 515-386-4141.

Win a \$20 Credit on Your Jefferson Telecom Bill

\$20

Fill out this form, clip it, and return it with your next bill (or drop off at the showroom) for a chance to win a \$20 credit to your account. Return it by July 15, 2016 to be eligible. One winner per newsletter will be selected.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Congratulations to our last "Winner of a \$20 Credit," Berneice Taylor of Jefferson.

It's Time to Enter Your Photos in Our Directory Photo Contest!

Jefferson Telecom is looking for amazing photos that represent Jefferson and/or Greene County. Enter our Directory Photo Contest, and you could win the first prize of claiming the cover of the 2016-2017 Telephone Directory and receiving \$100 in Chamber Checks.

The photos you submit should represent Jefferson and/or Greene County and be different from images we've previously used. They can include woods, farms, flowers, wildlife, the river, or points of local interest.

To enter our Directory Photo Cover Contest, send up to three of your best photos to photos@jeffersontelecom.com by noon on July 15, 2016. High-resolution photos are required in JPEG format.

Additional rules include:

- Limit of three entries per household (amateurs only).
- Must be a Jefferson Telecom customer.
- Include where the photo was taken and a short description.
- Photos must be in color and have been shot in the last three years.
- Jefferson Telecom employees and immediate family may not participate.
- Entry deadline is noon on July 15, 2016.
- All entries will become the property of Jefferson Telecom; submission implies consent to use photos on the Directory Cover or in any other advertising campaign.
- The winner will be chosen at the discretion of Jefferson Telecom.

Elaine Deluhery, winner of last year's Directory Photo Contest, shot this photo of the Jefferson clock in the Thomas Jefferson Gardens and the Mahanay Memorial Carillon Tower.



All entries will be posted on the Jefferson Telecom Facebook page and our website. Visit www.jeffersontelecom.com or Facebook for complete rules.

Is Your PC Running Slower Than it Did in the Past?

Is your PC running more slowly than it did in the past? Is your desktop so cluttered you can barely see the background picture? If so, it's time to give your PC some TLC by uncluttering and better organizing your files, photos, and programs. You'll be able to find what you need easier, and your PC will run more efficiently.

The first step is to create a plan of action. You have three choices for each item: delete, file, or store.

- **Delete** files you no longer need (such as old party invites, bad digital photos, and programs you haven't used for a few years).
- **File** any documents or photos you use regularly (such as your most recent photos or projects you're working on now).
- **Store** items you will need in the future (such as older photos, insurance and mortgage paperwork you've scanned, or your creative writing).

Delete

Clear out the clutter! Deleting files helps improve your PC's performance. Once you decide to delete a file, there are two ways to go.

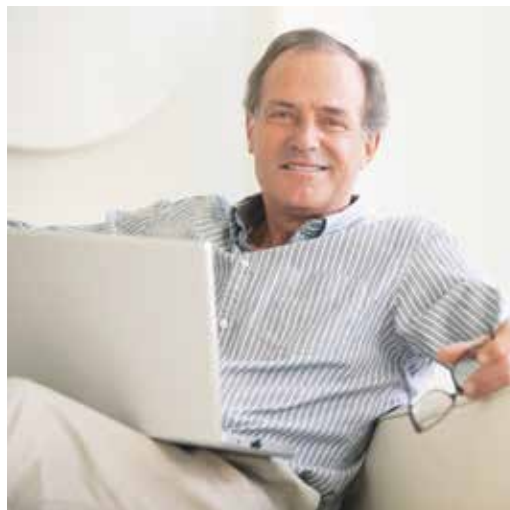
- Click on the file and press the delete button on your keyboard.
- Drag and drop files and icons into the Recycle Bin.

Delete unused programs to clear up even more space.

- Click the "Start" menu on the bottom menu bar.
- Select "Control Panel" and then "Add or Remove Programs."
- View installed programs and delete the ones rarely used.
- Use caution — don't delete something you aren't sure about.

File

Does this sound familiar? You have a habit of



saving files to the desktop and before you know it, there are icons everywhere. Here's a simple way to better organize your files so you can find them quickly.

- Open the folder on your desktop called "My Documents." (Think of it as your file cabinet.)
- Click "Make a new folder" on the left menu.
- Create folders named "Bills," "Homework," etc. and routinely drag files into these new folders.

Store

Whether your hard drive is nearly full or you need an alternative spot for safekeeping valuable files, additional storage makes good sense. This can be in the form of an external hard drive or online data backup service.

Jefferson Telecom offers online data backup service to assist you with your storage needs. For more information, call us at 515-386-4141.

August 11 is Your Reminder to Call 811

August 11 (8-11) is National Safe Digging Day, a national reminder to call 811 prior to any digging project to have underground utility lines marked.

Here's how it works:

- Call at least 48 hours prior to digging to ensure enough time for utility lines to be properly marked.
- When you call 811, a representative will ask for the location and description of your digging project.
- The call center will notify affected utility companies, who will then send a professional locator to the proposed dig site to mark the approximate location of your lines.
- Once lines have been properly marked, you can carefully dig in other areas.

Examples of digging projects that require a call to 811 before starting include building a deck, planting a tree, and laying a patio. The depth of utility lines can vary, so they need to be marked even if you plan to dig only a few inches.

Find Your Perfect Plan with U.S. Cellular

Jefferson Telecom has been a proud agent for U.S. Cellular for 25 years. Ask for a rate plan analysis from one of our knowledgeable staff to find the plan that best fits your needs and budget. Also be sure to check out our selection of the latest smartphones and accessories.



New Listings

Burley, Spencer	386-2993
Carroll, Karmen	386-2506
Carter, Sammy	386-3050
Coffin, Tommy & Carlisa	386-3472
Conklin, Brad	386-2562
Cuddy, Kyle	386-2733
Curtis, Debra	386-3743
Edgington, Mariah	386-3682
Egemo, Martin	386-3760
Ely, Timothy & Adriana	386-3597
Evans, Dustin	386-2194
Everman, Heather	386-3736
Ganoe, Tom D & Tammy	386-2948
Graham, Angeline	386-3340
Grothe, Milton	386-3588
Havens Sales & Storage	386-3999
Hiedeman, Lila	386-2906
Jantz, Kenneth	386-3770
Jefferson Family Dentistry	386-3768
Jones, Brinlee	386-3376
Lillie, Trevor	386-3407
Long, Nic	386-3358
Lytle, J	386-2434
Michaelson, Toni	386-2699
Millard, Jennifer	386-2979
Millard, Kenny	386-3748
Montgomery, Gilbert	386-3750
Moranville, Denise	386-3766
Smith, Linda	386-3810
Stevens, Earl	386-3047
Stott, Rianna	386-3809
Tucker, Rosemary	386-3846
Van Beek, Keith & Kelsie	386-2521
Van Patten, I	386-2595
Vespoli, Daniel	386-3656
Winch, Joelle	386-2429

Please Donate School Supplies for Area Kids



Jefferson Telecom has partnered with New Opportunities to ensure students have basic school supplies for this school year. We encourage you to participate by shopping for items and dropping them off at Jefferson Telecom.

Suggested donations include:

- Backpacks
- #2 Pencils
- Ink Pens: Red, Blue, and Black
- Glue Sticks
- Wide-Ruled Spiral Notebooks
- Loose-Leaf, Wide-Ruled Paper
- 16-Count Crayons
- Washable Markers

Please bring donations to us by August 1, and help kids kick off the school year right!

Congrats to These Catch-A-Sketch Winners



Front row, left to right: Mason Wampler, Libbie Knoll, and Brooklyn Roberts. Back row: Jody Schulte, Jefferson Telecom; and Kevin Richards, Greene County CSD Art Teacher.

Jefferson Telecom's Catch-A-Sketch program encourages third-graders to show their artistic side. For the ninth year, we partnered with Greene County Elementary School to give students an opportunity to design artwork for display in the upcoming telephone directory's Yellow Pages.

You can view all of the students' drawings on our website at www.jefferson telecom.com, under "community" and "Catch-A-Sketch;" they are listed alphabetically by teacher.

Jefferson Telecom Awards Scholarships

Jefferson Telecom is pleased to award scholarships to help deserving high school seniors in our community continue their education. We'd like to congratulate the scholarship winners below and wish them luck in their future endeavors.



Wyatt Funcke
Son of James & Shannon Funcke



Alison Gallagher
Daughter of Ken & Melinda Gallagher



Reid Lamoureux
Son of Jeff & Jill Lamoureux



Hannah Peterson
Daughter of Bob & Lynette Peterson

