

The Communicator

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It's time to upgrade to Windows 11

Support for Windows 10 will end on October 14, 2025. This means that technical assistance and software & security updates will **no longer be available**.

- Your computer must have 9 GB of free disc space to download Windows 11 and must have Windows 10, version 2004 or higher installed.

To check if Windows 11 is ready for your device, go to:

Start  and then select **Settings**  > **Update & Security**  > **Windows Update** .

Upgrading to Windows 11 brings a range of benefits that can improve your computer's performance and user experience. Most importantly, Windows 11 includes advanced security features that help protect you against the latest cyber threats. If your device meets the requirements, upgrading ensures you stay current with updates, support, and the latest innovations from Microsoft.

If you need assistance with getting your device upgraded, give us a call at 507-498-3456 to schedule an appointment!

Outdoor Wi-Fi

Our outdoor Wi-Fi ensures your smart sprinklers, speakers, cameras, lights, and other devices stay connected and function flawlessly across your entire property.

- Worry-Free; weatherproof connectivity
- Whole-Home coverage-- inside & out
- Strong and secure Wi-Fi everywhere
- Simple, hassle-free install
- Security options built-in

Take your internet outdoors today!



Office Closed

Our offices will be closed Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. If you have an emergency service outage during this time, please call 507-498-3456 to reach our on-call technician. Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

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The Mindful Moment

Social media is a powerful tool—whether you're staying in touch with family & friends, catching up on news, or simply passing time. But like anything in life, balance is key. It's important to be mindful of how much time you spend online and make sure it doesn't take away from the real-world connections and moments that matter most.

Tips to having a healthy social media relationship:

via Oceans Healthcare

1. Limit your time
2. Practice self-care
3. Talk to someone
4. Remove distractions
5. Find your focus
6. Manage the news



*If you need free, confidential support,
call or text 988 to connect to the
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.
The Lifeline is available 24/7.*

Scan the QR code to read more!

ProtectIQ Threats

ProtectIQ is your 24/7 internet watchman. With multi-layered protection, even your most vulnerable devices like smartTVs, thermostats, baby monitors and Wi-Fi cameras are protected. ProtectIQ blocks threats, intrusions, viruses and malware before they make it to your devices and sends you real-time alerts when a threat has been blocked.

This awesome feature is now included at no extra cost with our InControl Wi-Fi!

In the month of May we protected our customers from...



Remodeling or building a new home? Remember to keep us in mind! Think about where you want phone, TV, or internet connections located or where you might want them someday. It is much easier to wire and move equipment at the beginning of the process rather than years down the road. If you need any assistance or recommendations on where to place things - give us a call!

Happy Workiversary!



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