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## 11 Reasons to Bring Back Landline Telephones

While some are saying that landlines will become as obsolete as horse-and-buggy travel, we say that there really is no time better than now to embrace home phones. Yep, I'm siding with your mother and grandmother on this one. While a landline home phone can't replace a cell phone (for the obvious reason that you can't take it with you everywhere) it's something you should use at home. Here's why.

From the Huffington Post  
By Brie Dyas

### 1. A landline can save you in an emergency.

If the power goes out, your landline phone, backed up with emergency battery power, will still work. You won't have to do what I did after Superstorm Sandy knocked out my power for over a week—travel nearly a state over to find a working outlet to recharge my phone. Some people even

resorted to the old landline pay phones.

### 2. No weird health concerns.

Though research is still ongoing (and hotly debated) there are concerns that cell phones might have a connection to anything from cancer to anxiety.

### 3. You can hear everyone much better.

I strongly believe there's a dead zone, specifically over my apartment. If you travel the country, you'll soon realize there are big gaps in coverage out there and a call will suddenly just fade away with the terrain. And what about all of that annoying buzz and fuzz on some cell calls?

### 4. Your conversation doesn't suddenly drop off mid-sentence.

We're not talking about awkward silences or pauses for effect here—and it's

doubtful that space aliens are jamming the cell phone signals—but cell phone conversations can suddenly just disappear, or have big skips like a bad sound track. See also: Personal dead-zone.

### 5. You're probably paying for it anyway.

I once tried to get rid of my landline in an attempt to decrease my cable TV bill. Without the landline, my bill was actually higher (maybe it was a bundling thing.) Like Grandmas everywhere, I'm of the opinion that if you're paying for it you might as well use it.

### 6. Old-school phones can look really cool.

No doubt about it. Could you ever see your cell phone shaped and decked out to look like Mickey Mouse? Or a duck decoy? Some people who have rediscovered older landline

phones have even glammed them up with bling. Rhinestones, anyone?

### 7. You can focus a little bit more on the conversation.

Twirling of the phone cord aside, you can actually pay attention. Yes, you can even have a conversation, with words moving back and forth instantly, instead of relaying everything in text form. Saves wear and tear on your fingers and attention span, as well as precluding myriad spelling errors. Think how much better that must make English teachers feel.

### 8. No one can make you

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### Games on Channel 6

Can't get to the game? Tune in for play-by-play broadcasts of Friona Chief-tain games on WT Services TV Channel 6.

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Friona/Bovina: Smart Communities  
with Fiber to the Premise—by WT Services

# Pokey computer work performance at home indicator of need to upgrade Internet speed

Do you notice that it seems to take forever to send documents or pictures online, especially when you are up against a deadline on a job or project, or maybe when you Skype with the grandkids the picture quality isn't all that it could be?

Your problem may not necessarily lie with that old slowpoke computer. It could be that you are in need of more Internet speed to smooth things over.

If you're at a basic 1.5 meg and doing lots of work from home, transmitting pictures or doing other jobs you might be pleasantly surprised at the difference that upgrading to a faster 3 or 6 meg can make in getting what you need to do accomplished without the frustration of waiting around.

WT Services Friona/Bovina is working through a fiber rich network to fulfill the basic Internet needs of homes or businesses in the communities they serve.

For basic messages, surfing, research and games, 1.5 meg fills the bill. For more sophisticated functions, 3, 6, 10, 15, and 20 meg are avail-

able for a myriad of higher speed applications. These include streaming such as Netflix movies, Hulu, and more advanced games.

In a business setting, 6 meg and above are recommended for data transmission, multiple computer set-ups etc. For sophisticated business data transmission needs 20 meg is recommended. In Hereford and

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grade your home phone. If you want to keep your embarrassingly old cell phone, your cell provider will seemingly do everything in their power to make sure that you eventually upgrade. Conformity is your only option.

**9. You can slam down the receiver when angry.**

Pressing "end call" doesn't produce the same feelings of satisfaction—or relieve nearly as much stress.

**10. You'll get a better night's sleep.**

Having a cell phone or iPhone by your bed is just asking for it—an open invitation to check your e-mail right before you go to sleep—or dawdle over late night sports scores and

Bushland max speed would be 1,000 meg (one Gig).

"As the Internet has progressed websites have become so graphics intense that you need faster Internet speed.

"Businesses uploading data out to the Internet rely on upload speed. Our big thing for businesses is our upload speed is half our download—ten times faster than

statistics—even games—surefire ways not to go to sleep.

**11. You can't accidentally dial anyone with your posterior, or while fishing around in your purse.**

It has happened to every single one of us with cell phones—usually at the worst times—and puzzles the heck out of the recipients of these "phantom calls."

### Contact radio shops

Customers with two-way radio needs may contact WT Services radio shops in Hereford and Amarillo online. Go to [wtstx.com](http://wtstx.com) to browse merchandise and services offered.

most others around," says Rich Kendrick, WT Services manager for finance and accounting.

On the home side, upload speed is important to those working from home and gamers—gamers are particularly happy with the speed available from WT Services. Upload speed helps Skype quality as well. If you'd like to find out if increasing your Internet speed could decrease the frustration level and speed up the process of sending text or photos from your computer, contact the WT Services Friona office at 250-5555 for help.

### Bundle customers can upgrade speed at home or office

If you're enrolled in one of the cost-cutting business or residential bundled packages from WT Services, you can increase your internet speed to 10, 15, or 20 meg for a nominal fee.

Companion upload speeds from WT Services are perfect if you need to upload data or are a gamer.

Contact the WT Services business office in Friona at 250-5555 to take advantage of upgrade possibilities for business or home use.