

In Touch

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BEVCOMM Offers FREE School Supplies in August

It's time to help fill those backpacks! BEVCOMM is distributing free school supplies in August to children in kindergarten through 5th grade. Stop by any local BEVCOMM office to pick up bags filled with essentials including pencils, erasers, glue, scissors, notebooks, and more. Supplies are limited and will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. We hope to see you soon and wish the best to all your students.



Contact BEVCOMM

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- Hager City • 715-792-2103
- Minnesota Lake • 507-462-3444
- Morristown • 507-685-4321
- New Prague • 952-758-2501
- Pine Island • 507-356-8302
- Wells • 507-553-3144
- Weyerhaeuser • 715-353-2434
- Winnebago • 507-893-3111



HIGH SCHOOL DEMANDS HIGH SPEED

If you have kids in high school, you know the whole family stays in high gear – from cheering for high scores at games to enjoying high notes at concerts to supporting high goals in classes.

When you're at home, your internet connection needs to meet the high demands of smart TVs, laptops, tablets, and smartphones in virtually constant use.

WE INCREASED YOUR INTERNET SPEEDS FOR FREE! Effective August 1st, customers on fiber will enjoy much higher speeds!*

Old Speed (Down / Up)	New Speed (Down / Up)
30 Mbps / 10 Mbps	50 Mbps / 25 Mbps
60 Mbps / 20 Mbps	90 Mbps / 45 Mbps
90 Mbps / 30 Mbps	300 Mbps / 150 Mbps
1 Gig / 50 Mbps	1 Gig / 500 Mbps

Need a better router to maximize your new high speeds? Ask us about a free trial on our new Wi-Fi Plus.*

* Offer expires October 31, 2019. Contact us for details.





Your “TV Room” Could be Carpeted in Grass

With WatchTVEverywhere, you can watch your favorite channels and programming from your tablet, smartphone or laptop—anywhere you have an Internet connection. Even in your backyard!

This convenient new way to enjoy TV is FREE with your qualifying TV package from BEVCOMM. The networks available to you will depend on your TV package subscription. For example, you must be an ESPN subscriber at home to watch ESPN's WatchTVEverywhere programs on your mobile devices.

So go ahead—relish the summer weather outside and swap your TV room's carpet for some green grass between your toes. If you're already a BEVCOMM TV customer, you can access content through WatchTVEverywhere by first registering at www.bevcomm.net. It's quick and easy; just have your BEVCOMM TV account number handy.

If you're not yet an BEVCOMM TV customer, call us today at 800-473-1442 to sign up.

Prevent Unauthorized Users on Your Home's Wi-Fi Network

If you don't take precautions, your home's Wi-Fi network could be used by neighbors trying to avoid paying for their own internet service. Or worse yet, picked up by “drive-by leeches” planning to introduce malware or access illegal websites. Either way, use of your Wi-Fi network by people outside your household can slow down your internet speed.

To help prevent unauthorized Wi-Fi access, make sure your home's network is as secure as it can be. If you own your own router, take these key precautions:

Turn on WPA2 encryption on your wireless router.

If you haven't already done so, consult your wireless router's manual and enable WPA2 encryption on your wireless router. Make sure you're not using the outdated and vulnerable WEP encryption. Turn on WPA2 encryption and set a strong password for your network.

Hide your wireless network by changing its name (SSID).

Your SSID is the name that you give your wireless network. You should always change this name from its manufacturer set default which is usually the brand name of the router (i.e. Linksys, Netgear, D-link, etc.). Changing the name helps to prevent hackers and leeches from finding specific vulnerabilities associated with your brand of router.

While there's no way to make your home's Wi-Fi network totally impervious to a dedicated hacker with the right tools and skills, if you layer enough security practices, the hacker will likely move on to another, easier-to-access network in the neighborhood.

Better yet, consider our managed Wi-Fi service, Wi-Fi Plus.

It takes the hassles of Wi-Fi troubleshooting (and more) off your hands for the small monthly fee of \$7.95. Once you sign up for Wi-Fi Plus, BEVCOMM will handle a variety of Wi-Fi tasks for you at no additional cost:

- Installation of a new dual band, 5Ghz Wi-Fi router
- Selection of the best router location in your home for optimal coverage and signal strength
- Setup of your Wi-Fi security to avoid others using your Wi-Fi network without your permission
- Connection of your devices—such as laptops, tablets, phones, and printer—to the Wi-Fi network
- In-home troubleshooting should the Wi-Fi service stop working or function poorly
- Device management via an easy to use portal—change your password, see active devices, set time of day restrictions, set up a guest network, and more



For a 30-day free trial of Wi-Fi Plus, stop by or give us a call today at 800-473-1442.