

# In Touch

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## BEVCOMM Offers Free School Supplies

Summer is nearly over and kids are trading in their beach towels for backpacks as they gear up for a new school year. While most children anticipate heading back to school, some parents worry about juggling the cost of school supplies with the family budget.



With this in mind, BEVCOMM is offering FREE school supplies to children in kindergarten through 5th grade. Stop by any local BEVCOMM office August 1 – August 31 and pick up FREE school supplies. You'll find bags packaged with pencils, erasers, glue, scissors, notebooks, and more. Supplies are limited and will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Contact BEVCOMM

- Blue Earth • 507-526-2822
- 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



The start of the school year is a great time to upgrade your home's Internet plan. After all, the whole family puts heavyweight demands on your connection with multiple devices, streaming, and more.

CALL US TODAY TO PUNCH UP YOUR INTERNET PACKAGE AND GET SIX MONTHS OF FREE NETFLIX.\*



\*Service availability and Internet speeds will depend on location. Prices subject to change. Call for details. All new Internet installations and upgrades to a faster speed qualify for six months of Netflix with a 12-month commitment. Offer good through October 31, 2016.



## 6 Things You Don't Have to Do With a Landline

Having a corded landline phone at home provides you with many benefits including consistently clearer voice quality than a cell phone. But did you ever stop to consider all of the little annoying things you don't have to do with your landline phone? Here are our favorites:

1. You don't have to think about signal strength.
2. You don't have to remember to charge the battery.
3. You don't have to run around the house looking for it when it rings.
4. You don't have to be careful not to drop it and break the screen.
5. You don't have to worry about losing your phone.
6. You don't have to take time to do software upgrades.

**Sometimes, keeping things simple is simply better. For details on our super-affordable landline service, call 800-473-1442.**

# Count the Internet-Connected Devices in Your Home

When you add up all the Internet-connected devices your family now uses — including computers, tablets, smartphones, smart TVs, Blu-ray disc players, video game consoles, and streaming media set-top boxes — what's your total? The NPD Group surveyed more than 4,000 consumers and the average number of devices per U.S. household with Internet service is now 5.7, and that number is expected to keep rising.

In fact, according to estimates by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, the average household with two teenage children will own roughly 50 Internet-connected devices by 2022. These will include everything from Internet-connected washing machines to smart refrigerators and bathroom scales, a trend dubbed the "Internet of Things."



Multiple devices, used simultaneously by several family members, can easily max out your home's Internet service and make it seem as if it's running slowly. To eliminate this problem, upgrade to an Internet plan with greater bandwidth and faster speeds. BEVCOMM offers a variety of plans with download speeds of up to 1 GIG\*.

**For help determining which Internet plan is right for your household, call us today at 800-473-1442.**

*\*Service availability and Internet speeds will depend on location.*

## Your Homework is to Research Homework Websites

If your child needs help figuring out a math problem or doing a science project, there are terrific online resources to help. Many are filled with information to help your child do research or better understand a topic presented in class, while others are staffed by professionals who can answer questions emailed to them (sometimes for a fee).

**You'll want to do your own homework to help your child find the right resources for them. Here are a few websites to get you started:**

- Students of all ages and their parents can visit Discovery Education at [www.discoveryeducation.com](http://www.discoveryeducation.com) to access incredible free resources. Check out the Homework Help pages for assistance in all sorts of school subjects.
- Stuck on a math problem? Go to Step-by-step WebMATH to get answers.
- Check out [www.factmonster.com](http://www.factmonster.com), which sorts information by subjects, homework skills, reference sources, and tools.

It's also a smart idea to ask your child's teachers for their recommendations.