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## **NEW MEMBERS**

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# **Good Friday Hours**

Bascom Communications will close at noon on Friday, April 19th for Good Friday. You can still reach us if you have a service affecting outage. Call 419-937-2222 and follow the voice prompts. Our friendly on-call employee will return your call.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

2019

April I	April Fool's Day			
April 7	World Health Day			
April 14	Palm Sunday			
April 19	Good Friday			
April 19	Passover Begins			
April 21	Easter Sunday			
April 22	Earth Day			
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### National Safe Digging Month!

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If you have outdoor plans that involve any sort of digging or excavating, be sure to call 8-1-1 ahead of your scheduled start. Daniel & Kellie Hartsel

By simply calling 8-1-1, you can notify Ohio's one-call notification systems. The Ohio Utilities Protection Service coordinates with local utilities and the Ohio Oil and Gas Producers Underground Protection Service coordinates with oil and gas production facilities to have underground lines marked. That way you know ahead of time where it is safe to dig. Not only will doing so avoid headaches and make your job easier, but you avoid potential utility outages, repair costs and serious or even fatal injuries.

#### How do I know if my project requires me to call 8-1-1?

By law, everyone, including homeowners, must contact Ohio Utilities Protection Service, the Oil and Gas Producers Underground Protection Service 8-1-1 or 1-800-362-2764, at least 48-hours, but no more than 10 working days (excluding weekends and legal holidays), before beginning any digging on their property. The depth of utility lines varies and there may be multiple utility lines in a common area, so it is always smart to have them marked.

#### What information is needed when I call?

Tell the operator where you are planning to dig, what type of work you will be doing and your affected local utilities companies will be notified about your intent to dig. In a few days, they will send a locator to mark the approximate location of your underground lines, pipes and cables, so you will know what is below and be able to dig safely.

To learn more, visit the Ohio Utilities Protection Service's website at www.oups.org, the Ohio Oil and Gas Producers Underground Protection Service's website at www.ogpups.org, or call 8-1-1.



# **Do You Need Gigabit Internet?**

## If you like getting your content *super fast*, you do!

File Type	File Size	10 Mbps	20 Mbps	50 Mbps	100 Mbps	1 Gbps
MP3 File (4-minute song)	4 MB	3 sec.	1 sec.	<1 sec.	<1 sec.	<1 sec.
Hi-Res Digital Photo	7 MB	5 sec.	2 sec.	1 sec.	<1 sec.	<1 sec.
20-minute TV Show	120 MB	1.5 min.	48 sec.	19 sec.	9 sec.	<1 sec.
Full-length Movie	4 GB	55 min.	27 min.	11 min.	5.5 min.	32 sec.
Computer hard drive	60 GB	13.5 hrs.	7 hrs.	2.75 hrs.	1.5 hrs.	8 min.

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# Lifeline

#### What is Lifeline?

The Lifeline program provides financial assistance to qualified low-income residents; ensuring them affordable telephone or broadband service. A qualified Lifeline customer\* must choose between a traditional wireline provider, a qualified wireless provider, or broadband but not more than one. Federal rules prohibit qualifying consumers from receiving more than one Lifeline discount per household.

Lifeline service is a non-transferable benefit available to eligible low-income consumers in every state and on Tribal lands. You must be eligible to enroll, and you must reconfirm your eligibility with the service provider annually. Eligible consumers can receive up to \$9.25 per month in Lifeline discounts.

If you purchase voice and qualifying broadband services, the federal Lifeline discount will apply to your qualifying broadband service. Broadband speeds must be 15Mbps download and 2Mbps upload or faster to qualify.

#### How to qualify?

Consumers may qualify by either having an income that is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines (proof of income is required) or participate in one of the following assistance programs (proof of participation is required): Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Veterans Pensions & Survivors, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

\*Lifeline discounts are only available to consumers in Bascom Mutual Telephone Company's original service area (study area).