

Connections

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Have an Eggs-tra Fun Easter

May your baskets be filled with chocolate, your home filled with laughter, and your calendar filled with fun. The spring season is one of growth and optimism, so be sure to live life in full bloom! As you hop from activity to activity, you can feel good about strengthening connections and helping make our community better.

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FIBER ALWAYS WINS



STAY ON TEAM FIBER FOR UNBEATABLE INTERNET SPEED AND RELIABILITY

Fiber internet brings much more to the game than 5G home internet ever will. So, stick with fiber internet to enjoy:

- **Winning speeds** – Up to 2 Gig (2,000 Mbps) for buffering-free streaming
- **Winning reliability** – 99.9% uptime for a connection to count on for big March games and more
- **Winning customer experience** – Unlimited usage with no data caps or throttling, plus personalized support from our expert team

It's a slam dunk. Fiber internet always wins, and you deserve to be on the winning team. (5G home internet isn't even in the same league.)

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Call 811 to Protect Underground Lines

When you walk around your property, underneath your feet are buried lines that deliver natural gas, electricity, water, communications, and other utilities to your home. If you plan on digging a hole—big or small—be sure to call 811 in advance to have your lines marked. This helps avoid accidental damage and costly repairs.

When you call, Iowa One Call will inform utility operators in your area, including F&B, that they need to locate and mark any buried utility lines on your property with color-coded paint or flags. Before they arrive, your job is to mark the location where you want to dig by using flags or white paint.

You'll need to wait a few days to allow all of the utilities time to do this work, and confirm that all utilities have responded to your request. You can then proceed carefully with digging, using only hand tools if within 18 inches of marked utility lines.

Thanks for your cooperation!



How Does 5G Home Internet Differ From Fiber Internet?

You may be hearing a lot these days about the 5G home internet offered by cellular providers. But what exactly is it, and how does it differ from fiber internet?

Before we compare these two internet technologies, let's clear up a common misconception. The abbreviation 5G refers to the fifth generation of wireless technology for cellular networks, which was initially released in 2019. The "G" in 5G does NOT stand for gigabit and has nothing to do with internet speeds.

5G HOME INTERNET

How It Works

5G home internet uses the 5G network towers of a cellular company to provide a fixed wireless connection. Speeds will vary by location, depending on how far the customer is from a local tower or transmitter.

Speeds

Speeds offered by 5G home internet average just 150 Mbps. What's more, several factors can adversely affect speeds, including network congestion and line-of-sight issues from obstacles such as buildings or terrain. Even inclement weather can slow things down.

Reliability

5G home internet can get bogged down by high-traffic demands and technical issues stemming from poor cell service.

FIBER INTERNET

How It Works

Fiber internet uses fiber-optic cables consisting of bundled strands of glass, which are buried under the ground to provide a direct internet connection. Fiber is the gold standard.

Speeds

A range of fiber internet plans are typically offered, with speeds up to 2 Gbps (2,000 Mbps) and more. You may also be able to get symmetrical speeds, meaning your uploads are just as fast as your downloads.

Reliability

Fiber internet has a much larger capacity to carry data and is less prone to technical malfunctions or slowdowns. This results in a connection you can count on, with a proven track record of 99.9% reliability.

It's clear that despite the hype around 5G, fiber remains the go-to connection type for extremely fast and reliable internet. Simply put, you can't do better than fiber internet. It's the preferred connection—and the best overall value—for large households with multiple users and devices, people who work from home, online gamers, and streaming enthusiasts.

To learn more about F&B's fiber internet plans, visit www.fbcom.net.