

3 Quick Tips to Maximize Your Internet for Back to School

Back to school means back to learning, growing and potentially more use of your home high-speed internet. Be prepared for the increase in online research, video streaming and digitally connecting with teachers and friends by ensuring your internet speed is at the optimal level. With several devices running off the same broadband connection, you may need more speed. How much speed do you need?

Visit our website at Hamilton.net/Guide-to-Broadband for a quick way to determine if it is time for a speed upgrade!

In addition to checking how much speed you need, here are three tips to ensure your home internet is running as efficiently as possible:

1. Place your internet router in a central location. Avoid placing it in a corner and place it away from thick, brick, stone, metal or concrete walls to allow for maximum coverage in your home.
2. To provide your router the best potential for the strongest signal, avoid placing the router on the floor. Consider placing it up on a desk, table or shelf.
3. Keep your router at least 10 feet away from devices such as microwaves, refrigerators, baby monitors, cordless phones, etc.



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Fiber to the Home Construction Update

We are excited about the progress we are making to deliver fiber to the homes to 100% of our customers in our local exchange areas. Despite some supply chain delays, we have been able to stay on track with our construction schedule. We currently have crews working in multiple areas to keep all projects moving in a timely fashion.

Our fiber-to-the-home construction has been completed in the communities of Aurora, Doniphan, Giltner, Hampton and Marquette. **If you live within city limits of any of these communities and have not converted your current services to Fiber to the Home, please call us to get connected!** Crews are now working in Hordville to bury the main lines, splice and install fiber. We expect to begin working in Phillips, Stockham, Trumbull and other rural areas in the spring after the ground thaws.

We have made great progress in Central City and currently have all



main lines buried and are **now able to connect anyone within city limits to Fiber to the Home.**

Earlier this year, Hamilton was awarded several grants through the Nebraska Public Service Commission's Broadband Bridge Grant Program that will enable us to work toward completing fiber installations for 100% of our customers in our newest NCTC exchange area. Mainline construction has been completed in Dannebrog and rural Ansley, and we are **now working to convert customers in those communities to Fiber to the Home.**

Current Hamilton customers in the NCTC local exchange areas will be receiving information about converting to Fiber to the Home when our crews are in or near your community. We look forward to seeing you in your neighborhood soon!

Spotlight on Cobalt TV

If you are new to Cobalt TV, you may not be familiar with all the features that make the service so great! One of these features is the interactive program guide. This guide will give you detailed program information for each channel for the next two weeks. Channels are listed in numerical order, but also include an abbreviation of the channel name.

Don't worry about missing any part of the show you are currently watching — it will appear in a smaller screen at the top of the guide while you search for something new to watch.

To access the Interactive Channel Guide press the "GUIDE" button on your Cobalt TV remote.



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Affordable Connectivity Program Helping Households Get Access to Broadband



The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC benefit program that Congress created to help ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more.



The Affordable Connectivity Program provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet for eligible households. Learn if you qualify and apply at: fcc.gov/acp.

Before You Dig, Call 811

Utility lines, pipes and cables could be buried on your property and easily damaged by digging. This can result in service interruption to your entire neighborhood.

Before you dig, call 811 to have utility lines marked. The affected local utilities will send a locator to your property, free of charge. Then you'll know what's below and be able to dig safely.



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- **Customer Service Representative / Help Desk**

Full job descriptions and application available at:
WorkForHamilton.com



*Certain restrictions apply. Bonus is available until all positions are filled.

From Our Kitchen to Yours

Happy fall vibes with this scrumptious dessert. Recipe courtesy of Hamilton customer service rep, Vicki.



Vicki — Customer Service Representative

APPLE CAKE WITH WARM CARAMEL SAUCE

APPLE CAKE INGREDIENTS

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| 2 c. Sugar | 4 c. Apples (Raw, Peeled and Finely Diced) | 1 tsp. Cinnamon |
| ½ c. Margarine | | 2 tsp. Baking Soda |
| ½ tsp. Butter Flavoring | 2 ½ c. Flour | |
| 2 Eggs | 1 tsp. Nutmeg | |

DIRECTIONS

1. Cream sugar and butter.
2. Add eggs and beat until smooth.
3. Add diced apples and dry ingredients and mix well.
4. Pour in a greased 9x13 pan.
5. Bake 45 minutes at 350°.
6. Cut in squares and serve warm or cold topped with caramel sauce.

CARAMEL SAUCE INGREDIENTS

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| 1 c. Brown Sugar | ½ c. Butter | 1 tsp. Vanilla |
| 1 T. Flour | ½ c. Half and Half | |

DIRECTIONS

1. Blend sugar and flour.
2. Add half and half, butter and vanilla.
3. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until thickened to desired consistency.

