

GIG Ringer

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MULTI-GIG SPEEDS COMING YOUR WAY!

ITC is excited to announce the rollout of next-generation Internet speeds across our service area over the next few years – bringing the power of **Multi-GIG** connectivity directly to our members. This strategic upgrade is part of our long-term investment in cutting-edge fiber technology and our commitment to keeping our communities connected to what matters most.

Over the next few years, we'll be boosting fiber speeds community by community, ensuring a smooth transition and top-notch service every step of the way. With speeds scaling all the way up to 10 GIG in the future, our enhanced network will meet the demands of modern homes and businesses—now and for years to come.

Community by Community

ITC will roll out these new speeds gradually to ensure every detail is done correctly. Just like with our successful Fiber-To-The-Home conversion project, each community will be notified as faster speeds become available in your area. We understand that waiting isn't always easy—but we're confident you'll find it's well worth it. These upgraded packages are designed to meet not just today's needs but tomorrow's demands, delivering a faster, more powerful Internet experience when it matters most.

New Multi-Gig Speeds

ITC will be upgrading the speeds of our current Internet packages—at no additional monthly cost to you. That means faster Internet with the same great value. Our new top-tier package will now offer blazing-fast 5 GIG speeds! With **Multi-GIG** Internet, you can expect lightning-fast downloads, next-level gaming, flawless streaming, and seamless remote working or learning. Whether you're powering a connected home, running a business, or managing multiple devices, there's a speed tier designed to meet your needs.

Here's a look at our future updated Internet packages with the same great price:

EXPLORER
100M/100M
UPGRADING TO
500M/500M

MULTI-TASKER
250M/250M
UPGRADING TO
1GIG/1GIG

MAXIMIZER
1GIG/1GIG
UPGRADING TO
2GIG/2GIG

MAXIMIZER+ NEW! 5GIG/5GIG

If you have questions about the upcoming upgrades, please call ITC at 1.800.417.8667.

ITC University:

SLOW OLD COMPUTER

By Michael Martinell, Network Broadband Technician

Have you noticed that your old computer doesn't feel as fast as it used to? You're not imagining things! The components inside your computer don't really "wear out" like old shoes, but they can appear to be slower over time.

Update Your Computer

One big reason for this is updated software. Updates are beneficial because they help protect your computer and introduce new features. However, they can also make an older computer work harder. Every time you update your web browser, email, games, or even Windows itself, the new version usually needs more memory or processing power than the older one did.

One thing you can do to help keep things running smoothly is to make sure your drivers are up to date. Drivers tell Windows how to communicate with things like your video card, mouse, or even USB ports. New drivers sometimes fix bugs or improve the speed at which your screen refreshes, making your entire computer feel quicker. To check for the latest drivers, open Windows Update and look for "Optional Updates." You may find new drivers ready to be installed.

Other Things to Try

Another thing to check is your Startup list. These are the programs that launch every time you start your computer. The more programs running at startup, the longer it takes your computer to get ready. To check what's running, press Ctrl + Shift + Esc on your keyboard to open Task Manager, then click the Startup tab. If you see something you don't recognize, try turning off one program at a time, restart your computer, and see if anything changes.

A full or nearly full hard drive can also slow things down. A great place to start cleaning is your Downloads folder and removing anything you no longer need. You can also run Disk Cleanup, located in the Start menu, to safely remove junk files and free up space.

Help Required

And sometimes, your old computer needs a little help. A local computer repair shop might suggest a simple hardware upgrade, like adding more RAM or replacing an old hard drive, or they might recommend other quick fixes to bring it back to life.

So no, you're not crazy. Your old computer does feel slower, and now you know why. The good news is that you have the power and some easy tools to give it a second wind. It might not run the latest games, but it'll still be great for checking email or looking through your friends' vacation photos.

And if you think your Internet connection might be the problem, please call ITC at 1.800.417.8667. We'll check to ensure everything is running smoothly on our end and may even make a few tweaks to improve your speed.

NEW EMPLOYEES

By Holly Stormo, Marketing Communications Specialist

ITC would like to welcome two new full-time locator technicians to our team. This department's main task is to determine where the fiber-optics are buried to prevent fiber cuts and to work on the fiber-optic network.

Chris Landmark started in April and lives in Hendricks, Minnesota, with his family. Chris graduated from Lake Area

Technical College and was previously working as a laborer for a construction company.

Chris loves to hunt and fish in his spare time. He also hopes to have a long career at ITC!

Another new locator is Doug Ruesink. Doug started in June and is from Castlewood, South Dakota. Doug graduated from SDSU and was previously working as a teacher and coach.

Doug enjoys officiating basketball and baseball. He is part of the Glacial Lake Basketball Official Association and the SD Baseball Umpires Association. Doug also enjoys riding his Harley.

If you see Chris or Doug out and about, please wave and say hello!



Chris Landmark



Doug Ruesink

THE 2026 ITC PHONE BOOK

ITC is currently working on the 2026 Phone Book. If you are an ITC customer with phone service, you will receive a physical copy of the ITC Phone Book annually. For those who don't have phone service or prefer to browse online, visit www.localsolution.com. You can find businesses and people by typing in the top search bar. It's easy, and you can access it from anywhere!

If you would like to make a change to your listing, please contact ITC at 1.800.417.8667.

SAVE THE DATE!

The ITC Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025. Registration starts at 4:00 PM.

