



Telecommunication

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Telecommunications (Phone/Internet) Providers, by Community

NOTE: If a specific community is not noted, it is served by several different providers.

Company	Internet Options	Communities served (if limited)
C-I Communications , (800) 603, 6000		Crosby, Ironton, Deerwood
Crosslake Communications , (800) 307-8459	DSL, ISDN, T1	Crosslake
Consolidated Telecom. Co. , (800) 753-9104	DSL, ISDN, T1	
Integra Telecom , (800) 820-7880	DSL, ISDN, T1	
Sprint , (800) 788-3500		Crosby, Ironton, Deerwood
TDS Telecom , (888) 837-7048	ISDN, T1	Pequot Lakes, Breezy Point, Ideal Corner
Qwest , (800) 603, 6000	DSL	
USLink , (888) 546-5287	DSL, ISDN, T1	
Charter Communications* , (218) 829-0232	high-speed cable access	

*Cable television and telecommunications provider; NO phone service

Telecommunications Terms

- DSL:** Digital Subscriber Lines – generic name for phone lines that can carry data at high speeds
- ISDN:** Integrated Services Digital Network – term to describe standards for sending voice, video and data over telephone wires
- T1:** A dedicated phone connection supporting data rates of 1.544 Mbits per second.
- Fiber Optics:** A technology that uses glass (or plastic) threads (fibers) to transmit data. Telephone companies are steadily replacing traditional telephone lines with fiber optic cables because they have a greater bandwidth (can carry more data), are less susceptible to interference, and allows data to be transmitted digitally (rather than analogically). In the future, almost all communications will employ fiber optics.
- Broadband:** A type of data transmission in which a single wire can carry several channels at once (like cable TV).
- VoIP:** Voice over Internet Protocol – a category of hardware and software that enables people to use the Internet as the transmission medium for telephone calls by sending voice data in packets using Internet protocol rather than by traditional circuit transmissions. One advantage of VoIP is that the telephone calls over the Internet do not incur a surcharge beyond what the user is paying for Internet access, much in the same way that the user doesn't pay for sending individual [e-mails](#) over the Internet.
- Centrex:** Central office exchange service – a type of PBX service in which switching occurs at a local telephone station instead of at the company premises. Typically, the telephone company owns and manages all the communications equipment necessary to implement the PBX and then sells various services to the company.

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