

Technology In Our Lives

Internet Phone Service: Easier Than You Might Think

(NAPSA)—The Internet is changing everything, even the way people make phone calls. And while the notion of using the Internet for phone service may seem complicated, it's actually pretty simple.

Although Internet voice communication has been available for a while, the sound quality has taken time to catch up with the technology. Some leading Internet providers now offer true replacement service. So Internet telephone customers can't tell the difference between the traditional service and Internet service and people receiving the calls on the other end can't tell the difference either.

If you have a high-speed Internet connection, you have the ability to choose an Internet phone company. And by doing so, you can save as much as 50 percent on your phone bill.

Most Internet phone services save you money because there are no long-distance charges for calls made within the U.S. and Canada. In addition to the traditional features like call waiting, call forwarding and voice mail, you also have access to a range of features that are unique to Internet phone services. And you can easily access these new features with the same phones you already have in your house.

Here's what you have to do to sign up:

1. Bring your own broadband (BYOB) Internet connection.

2. Visit the Web site of an Internet phone company like My People (www.mypeople.com) and sign up for service.

3. Check your mail. Your phone kit is sent to your home.

4. Plug your Internet phone adapter into your computer and



Internet users can now use their broadband connection to make phone calls.

plug your phone into the adapter (takes about five minutes).

5. Call someone. You're all set to go.

Thanks to the latest technology, the Internet helps turn the telephone into an even more useful tool. For example, you can set up options to receive regular wake-up calls, or even reminders to pick up your dry cleaning.

My People lets people use their voice to navigate a range of options, such as dialing (simply "say" the name or number you want to call, and the service connects you). The service can even call your cell phone with reminders, which is great for travelers. It also provides easy access to the latest weather, sports, horoscope and stock information, all by simply picking up the phone handset and asking for it. There's even a feature that tracks subscribers down on cell or work phones in cases of emergency. And subscribers are all linked into their local 911 network. All features and services are included for a flat monthly fee.

To learn more about Internet phone service, visit the Web site at www.mypeople.com.