

CUSTOMER CONNECTION

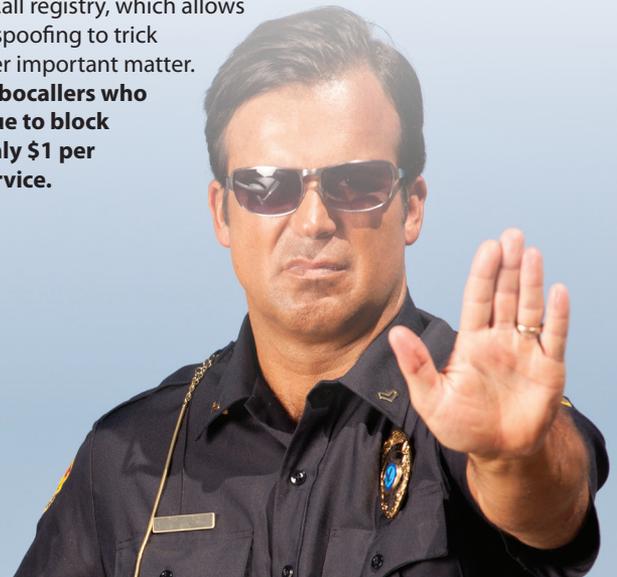


Stop Robocalls with RoboBLOCK!

There's something most of us will agree upon: Robocalls are a nuisance. What can be done to reduce them? Despite FCC and other existing protections to help consumers avoid these unwanted nuisance calls, there are still an unacceptably high volume that occur.

One type of call, a spoofed robocall, utilizes a fake Caller ID display to hide the caller's true identity. This trick, known as spoofing, helps robocallers get around the Do Not Call registry, which allows consumers to block calls from telemarketers. Scammers have also used spoofing to trick people into thinking a call is coming from the IRS, a bill collector, or other important matter.

The FCC passed a new rule that allows phone companies to block robocallers who use fake Caller ID numbers and authorizes phone carriers to continue to block calls upon the request of the subscriber. Best of all, RoboBlock is only \$1 per month! Call us today to add this great feature to your telephone service.



From the Manager's Desk...

Dear Valued Customers,

It's hard to believe, but the autumn season is just around the corner! If you are planning any outdoor home improvement projects such as planting a tree, installing a mailbox, fence or deck...wait! Here's what you need to know first: Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling 811 before each job. Homeowners often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked, but every digging job requires a call – even small projects like planting trees and shrubs.

Safety is always one of our top priorities, so thank you in advance for using 811 before you start your digging projects.

Thank you for choosing Palmerton Telephone Company. As always, if you have questions about your telephone services, you are welcome to call our Business Office at 610-826-6650, email at ptcbusinessoffice@ptelco.com or stop in for assistance.

Sincerely,

Tim Hausman

General Manager,
Palmerton Telephone

465 Delaware Avenue
Palmerton, PA 18071
www.ptelco.com

Do you know that Palmerton Telephone has been serving the area since 1900?

NOTICE:

Palmerton Telephone Company charges a fee of \$20.00 for returned checks.

AUGUST 2018 RECIPE

Black Bean and Corn Salad

Ingredients:

- > 1/3 cup fresh lime juice
- > 1/2 cup olive oil
- > 1 clove garlic, minced
- > 1 teaspoon salt
- > 1/8 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- > 2 (15 oz.) cans black beans, rinsed and drained
- > 1 1/2 cups frozen corn kernels
- > 1 avocado - peeled, pitted and diced
- > 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- > 2 tomatoes, chopped
- > 6 green onions, thinly sliced
- > 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro (optional)

Directions:

Place lime juice, olive oil, garlic, salt, and cayenne pepper in a small jar. Cover with lid, and shake until ingredients are well mixed.

In a salad bowl, combine beans, corn, avocado, bell pepper, tomatoes, green onions, and cilantro. Shake lime dressing, and pour it over the salad. Stir salad to coat vegetables and beans with dressing, and serve.

Featured Feature Selective Call Rejection

Would you like to block someone's number from calling your home?

Selective Call Rejection allows you to automatically reject calls from directory numbers on a pre-designated screening list. When someone tries to call from a number on that list, the caller receives an announcement indicating that the party he or she is trying to reach does not wish to receive calls at this time.

Selective Call Rejection is a subscription service, and must be ordered through our Customer Service Department. Once the feature is activated, it can be turned on or off as needed.

To use Selective Call Rejection, dial *60 (Touch Tone) or 1160 (Rotary).

To temporarily turn off Selective Call Rejection, dial *80 (Touch Tone) or 1180 (Rotary).

Say Cheese!

DO YOUR PHOTOS JEOPARDIZE YOUR PRIVACY OR SAFETY?

The convenience of posting photos with friends and family has become more fun and convenient than ever. Social networking sites make it easy to share pictures with grandma and grandpa, your coworkers, your childhood friends, or anyone who has an interest. Still, it is important to consider a few simple tips pertaining to copyright, privacy and safety issues.

- > Disable the GPS technology before taking pictures with a smartphone or other location enabled camera if you plan to post them online. Otherwise, the coordinates of your exact location are recorded with the photo. This could publicize your home address or other places you visit.
- > Read the Terms of Service on photo sharing websites and other social networks. Otherwise, you may inadvertently give permission to websites or their users to use your photo as their own.
- > Check your privacy settings on any websites where you may share photos. When possible, select the option that allows you to keep photos from being found by search engines. In addition, the best way to keep pictures private is to limit those who can view them.
- > Know who your friends and followers are. If you have hundreds of friends on Facebook or any other social media sites, perhaps you don't know them all too well. Decide whether you are comfortable with those people having access to your photos. If not, it may be time to review and narrow down your "friend" list. If your settings allow "friends of friends" to see your posts, your pictures could potentially be seen by thousands (or maybe more).
- > Consider photo sharing sites that allow invitation-only access with password protection for viewing.
- > Avoid sharing identifying information, such as full names, schools or locations of your photos.
- > Watch out for lower-tech ways of sharing information. Maybe the photo was taken in front of your home or children's school. Maybe your t-shirt has a school logo. These scenarios and others could tip off information that you would prefer to keep private.
- > Use common sense. Don't post a photo that could be embarrassing in 10 years or more. With facial recognition technology, pictures will potentially be available for years to come. That means that your toddler's potential employer could know quite a bit about his or her childhood!
- > Awkward! You may have a tough decision to make if a friend or relative posts photos of you or your child online. Do you ask them to take it down? After all, you won't know who has access to or the picture.
- > Consider a watermark. Imprinting a watermark on your photos can make it harder for someone to misappropriate the image.

Do you know that Palmerton Telephone copper wires, connected end to end, circle the earth 4 times at the equator?

Brain Teaser June 2018 Winner

Congratulations to **Paul Svetik of Palmerton, Pa.** Paul was the winner of a \$25 Gift Card to Claude's Creamery in Palmerton, Pa.

In the dark they are found
without being fetched, in the
light they are lost
without being stolen.
What are they?

Answer: Stars

FUN FACTS

An average professional football game lasts 3 hours and 12 minutes, but if you tally up the time when the ball is actually in play, the action amounts to a mere 11 minutes.

Popcorn, also known as popping corn, is a type of corn (maize, *Zea mays* var. *everta*) that expands from the kernel and puffs up when heated. Popcorn is able to pop because, like amaranth grain, sorghum, quinoa, and millet, its kernels have a hard moisture-sealed hull and a dense starchy interior.

We used to think that the brain was fully developed by very early teenagerhood and we now realize that the brain doesn't stop developing until mid-20s or even early 30s. There's a lot more information and evidence to suggest that actual brain development in various forms goes on throughout the life span.

On December 17, 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright made four brief flights at Kitty Hawk with their first powered aircraft. The Wright brothers had invented the first successful airplane.

McDonald's Corp. is the world's largest restaurant chain, with 34,480 restaurants in 119 countries. The burger chain has famously gone where few fast-food chains have gone before as a symbol of capitalism.

Elephants usually have 26 teeth: the incisors, known as the tusks, 12 deciduous premolars, and 12 molars. Unlike most mammals, which grow baby teeth and then replace them with a single permanent set of adult teeth, elephants are polyphyodonts that have cycles of tooth rotation throughout their lives.

HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING about Palmerton Telephone DSL?

IF YOU'VE BEEN CONSIDERING HIGH-SPEED INTERNET FROM PALMERTON TELEPHONE, STAY TUNED FOR OUR NEWSLETTER IN SEPTEMBER. WE'LL FEATURE A BACK TO SCHOOL DSL OFFER. HERE'S A SNEAK PEEK OF WHY DSL IS A GOOD CHOICE:

- > **DSL packages as low as \$19.95 a month**
- > **Speeds up to 10 Mbps**
- > **Five e-mailboxes per customer with 5 GB of storage per mailbox**
- > **FREE access to any PenTeleData Unleashed Wi-Fi Hot Spot location**

Why choose Palmerton Telephone over another provider?

Some Internet companies advertise speeds that aren't quite what you receive. We don't. In fact, we test every DSL connection on-site to make sure that the speed package you choose is actually available to your home or business. If it's not, we'll change your package to a lower priced one that represents the actual speed that is available. (Although your speed will only be as fast as the slowest connection – website variables are beyond our control.)

Are you a Val-YOU Package customer? If so, you'll automatically save \$10/month with Accelerate 5.0 or Accelerate 10.0 plans!

(Please note: Customers who do not have phone service from Palmerton Telephone pay an additional \$10/month.)

Brain Teaser

Palmerton Telephone is giving away a \$25 Gift Card to Claude's Creamery in Palmerton, PA.

To enter, e-mail the correct answer to ptelco@ptd.net or send a 3" x 5" index card to 465 Delaware Ave. Palmerton, PA 18071. Please include your name, address, daytime telephone number (to call only if you win), and the Brain Teaser answer. All entries must be received by **8/20/18**.

Good Luck! Palmerton Telephone

What is wider than life itself,
Longer than forever, So simple
it's complicated, Travels
but never leaves the spot,
Puts others in danger but no
one gets hurt, And reaches
to worlds unknown?