DO YOU HAVE THE BANDWIDTH THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU?



4 QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT YOUR INTERNET SPEED

We all want the right product to meet our needs and to pay a fair price. That certainly should apply to your Internet too. So if you are wondering if you've got the right speed to meet your needs, here are four questions you should be asking:

1 What is bandwidth, anyway?

Bandwidth is how much data is allowed to pass through your Internet connection. Think of bandwidth like a twolane highway. As more cars travel along the road the overall speed slows down. To make the road more efficient, you can add more lanes to widen the highway, making the road easier to pass. Bandwidth operates in a similar way. The more bandwidth you have, the more data can pass through. If you have a higher bandwidth, you'll likely have faster Internet.

2 What's my Internet speed with my current bandwidth?

You don't need a pro to test your Internet speed. Check out the online speed test below, and find your internet speed under your current internet plan. Remember that many factors may impact your speed test results, including your computer, the number of connected devices, the placement of your router, and especially the Wi-Fi.

<u>Speedtest</u>

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What does my speed reading mean?

After you test your Internet speed, you'll get a number and an acronym describing your upload and download bandwidth. While Internet service can be filled with complicated jargon and acronyms, decoding your Internet speed isn't hard. The main acronyms you should know are below:

- Mbps Megabits per second (residential connections are typically measured in bits)
- Gb Gigabits per second (1Gb = 1000 Mbps)

Once you understand this terminology, you'll be able to identify your current Internet speed.

What do I plan to use my Internet service for?

If you're one person who needs to access the web every few days, you'll likely need less bandwidth than a family of four who wants to stream Netflix, play video games, and chat with family over Facetime, all at the same time. If you've noticed that your internet service is lagging, it might be time to upgrade your speed and check your Wi-Fi router, which may also need an upgrade.

Still, wondering what bandwidth is right for you? MCG has you covered. **Call us today** to find out how to upgrade your bandwidth with us!

UPGRADE YOUR SERVICE