

# keep your landline

## Why keep your home phone service?

It may seem tempting to shut off your home phone landline services. Maybe you think it will save you money if you use only your cell phone or Internet phone service to make all your calls. But many people who have dropped their landline eventually reconnect it after realizing there are many reasons to keep the standard landline connection in their homes. Consider the following reasons that landline phone service is still important, and will continue to be important for many years to come.

### Landline is Required for Our Free Products

Our products work only with a standard connection to a landline--not a cell phone, a video phone, or an Internet connection. So if you want to take advantage of our free state-of-the-art technology to hear and be heard better on the phone, keep your existing landline.

### Landline Allows You to Hear Better

Many people get poor cell phone reception inside their homes. Poor cell phone reception makes it harder to hear conversations, which makes a landline even more important when you're looking for ways to hear and be heard better on the phone. If you eliminate your landline, you will be forced to depend on the lower quality offered by cell phone service.

Landlines provide much clearer phone reception to give you much clearer phone conversations. So your phone conversations will be more enjoyable and productive on a landline.

### Landline Saves Money on Phone Service

Will canceling your landline service really save you money? Maybe. But traditional landline service plans are much less expensive than cell phone service plans. Plus, you must pay for cell phone service for each cell phone you use. A single landline connects to multiple phones throughout your home. That means you can place a home phone in every room for one price, whereas if you want a cell phone in each room you must pay for cell phone service in each room (or carry your cell phone everywhere you go in your home).



It's also more expensive to use your cell phone if you pay by the minute. If you go over your allotted minutes on your cell phone rate plan, costs can quickly add up. Landline local calls are free. So it's more budget friendly to use your landline for local calls when you're at home, and to save your cell minutes for calls made away from home or for long distance calls.

To save even more money, check with your landline service provider to see if you can get a deal on a bundled package that combines phone, internet, and television services. It can actually be cheaper to get all three than to drop only the phone service from the package.

Think about this as well: A landline phone does not require you to buy any additional equipment, such as the computer and modem you need for Internet calling. The wise combination of landline and cell phone service can bring more savings when you consider the total costs.

### **Landline Provides Greater Convenience, Reliability, and Safety**

Another reason to keep your landline is that while you constantly need to charge your cell phone, you can depend on a landline corded phone to always be ready. A landline corded phone, like the ones available from SCEDP, are also ready for you during a power outage caused by a storm or other event, at times when a phone may be urgently needed.

And it's reassuring to know that when you make a 911 call on a landline the emergency team knows right away how to find your actual address. Cell phones create unique challenges for emergency calls. Since many cell phones do not transmit specific location or address information, emergency services may not be able to automatically and accurately pinpoint where you're calling from. General location information is usually not specific enough to ensure the quickest response times.

To be safe, parents may think it's wise to keep a landline so babysitters have a dependable phone to make and receive calls in case of an emergency.