

Lifeline and Link-Up Services
SAVES MONEY ON YOUR LOCAL PHONE SERVICE!

Barry County Telephone Company encourages eligible low income residential customers to take advantage of available discounts on their telephone bills.

The Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program makes residential telephone service more affordable for qualifying low-income households throughout Michigan.

Qualifying low-income households receive reduced charges on their monthly telephone bill and reduced installation charges.

BENEFITS

Lifeline offers three primary benefits to qualifying customers:

Reduced charges – Households receive a monthly discount on their local telephone service charges. In most cases, the discount is \$11.25 per month (up to \$12.35 for customers age 65 or older). Further discounts are available for qualifying low income customers on Tribal Lands.

Option to Elect Toll Blocking in Lieu of a Service Deposit – Customers have the option of blocking outgoing long distance toll calls free of charge. If the applicant elects this option, the local telephone company will not collect a service deposit in order to initiate Lifeline Service.

Reduction in Local Telephone Line Installation Service Charges – Pursuant to the Link-Up America Program, a qualifying customer is eligible for a 50% reduction on local telephone line installation service charges up to \$30.00. There is also an interest free deferred payment schedule for up to one year for connection charges up to \$200.

ELIGIBILITY

Lifeline Service is available to certain low-income consumers whose household income does not exceed 150% of federal poverty standards.

The maximum income amount varies depending on the number of people in the household.

2009 INCOME GUIDELINES

# of Household Members	Gross Monthly Income*	Gross Annual Income*
1	\$1,300	\$15,600
2	\$1,750	\$21,000
3	\$2,200	\$26,400
4	\$2,650	\$31,800
5	\$3,100	\$37,200
6	\$3,550	\$42,600
7	\$4,000	\$48,000
8	\$4,450	\$53,400

* Add \$5,400 annually (\$450 monthly) for each additional household member.

If you have questions or need any further information, please contact us at:
(269) 623-2311, (269) 721-9900, (269) 664-9900, or (269) 758-3100 for more information.