

Big Bend Telephone Company, Inc.
Broadband Internet Service
Privacy Policy

Big Bend Telephone is committed to protecting its Broadband Internet service customers' privacy. Users should review this privacy policy to better understand Big Bend Telephone's views and practices, and how they pertain to them as customers of the company's web service.

Big Bend Telephone may collect two types of information: personal information and non-personal information. "Personal information" refers to information that is particular to you, such as, your name, address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address. "Non-personal information" refers to information that does not by itself identify a specific individual. This information may include the company site's Uniform Resource Locator ("URL") that you just came from, what browser you are using and your Internet Protocol ("IP") address.

How do we collect information from you?

Big Bend Telephone does not collect personal information on this site without your knowledge and active participation. In general, you can visit our site without divulging any personal information; however, there are areas of this site that might require personal information in order to contact the company directly, specifically, when registering e-mails, obtaining remote access, and contacting online technical support.

Information is collected on this site in the following ways:

- **Browsing our site**

- Big Bend Telephone may collect IP addresses for the purposes of system administration, to gather broad demographic information, and to monitor the level of activity on our site.

Big Bend Telephone collects information from visitors to our site regarding the referring URL, your IP address, which browser you used to come to our site, and the pages of our site that you viewed during your visit and any search terms entered on our site.

- **Cookies**

- "Cookies" are small pieces of information that are stored by your browser on your computer hard drive. Our cookies do not contain any personally identifying information. Your web browser may allow you to be notified when you are receiving a cookie, giving you the choice to accept it or not. While you can still navigate through our site if you do not accept cookies, you may not be able to register for e-mails or obtain remote access from the company.

- **E-mail**

As noted above, on this site, you are given the opportunity to send e-mail to us. Big Bend Telephone retain information in any e-mail that you send to us, such as your name, e-mail address, address, telephone number, etc. Big Bend Telephone may periodically send you e-mails or other company information. The company will not send you e-mails if you have previously requested us not to do so and/or have not registered to receive them.

How is your personal information used?

Big Bend Telephone hopes to serve as the starting point for all its customers' local online needs. More importantly, it wants to deliver a compelling online experience that will keep customers coming back to visit the service again and again. The company uses the information supplied to it as a means to personalize portions of the service. Some of these personalized services are made available directly by the company, while others may be offered by its content partners. In addition, the company analyzes and evaluates customer preferences, comments, and criticisms of its offerings in order to make improvements to the present and future versions of the service.

Big Bend Telephone uses the personal information it collects to provide you with information or samples that you have requested. In addition, we use the non-personal information we collect to provide you with a better site experience in the future. The company does not rent, sell or trade personal information you provide us to any third party.

Who is collecting your information?

While you are on the web site, Big Bend Telephone may collect non-personal and e-mail information. In addition, we will provide links in this web site to company third party sites. Big Bend Telephone is not responsible for the third party sites. Big Bend Telephone urges you to review carefully the privacy policies posted on these sites. The company cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information found on these sites. Please be aware that Big Bend Telephone does not control, nor are we responsible for, the privacy policies of third parties or their sites. This Privacy Statement applies only to Big Bend Telephone and the information we collect on our site.

With whom do we share your information?

As described above, some of your information may be shared with third parties by navigating to the third party web site. In addition and with your prior authorization, we may, in the future, need to share certain personal information with other affiliated companies with whom we have established business relationships.

Big Bend Telephone will never willfully disclose individually identifiable information about its customers to by third party without first receiving that customer's permission unless believes in good faith that the law requires it, or to protect the rights or property of the company.

How does Big Bend Telephone protect your personal information?

Big Bend Telephone takes reasonable precautions to protect your personal information against unauthorized access by storing the information on a secure server, which is accessible only by authorized personnel.

Unfortunately, no data transmission over the Internet can be guaranteed to be 100% secure and we will not be held liable should a third party illegally obtain your personal information. While we have made significant efforts to protect your personal information, we cannot ensure or warrant the security of any information you transmit to us, and you do so at your own risk.

The company takes special care to protect the safety and privacy of young people using its services. The company site does not knowingly collect information about children and the majority of its site is not specifically directed to children. Big Bend Telephone believes that children should get their parents' consent before giving out any personal information. Big Bend Telephone encourages parents and legal guardians to participate in their child's experience on its web site. Children should always ask a parent for permission before sending personal information to Big Bend Telephone, or to anyone on the Internet.

How do you provide consent?

By using our web site, you agree with our Privacy Statement and our policies and procedures contained herein regarding the collection and sharing of your information.

How often are changes made to the Privacy Statement and how will you learn of the changes?

Big Bend Telephone reserves the right to change, modify or update this Privacy Statement at any time without notice. In the event of any modification, we will post the changes in this Privacy Statement so that you will always know what information we are gathering and how we might use that information. However if such changes are material, we will either announce the change on the home page of the site or take such other action as we deem appropriate under the circumstances. Accordingly, you should periodically visit this page to determine the current Privacy Statement to which you are bound.