Ways to Save Money on your Landline by Sue Johnson

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In this age of social networking and ever-improving technology, many people may believe that the only reason to have a Landline in your home is to allow access to the internet. While this is true for people with extensive call allowances on their mobile phone tariff, for those looking to tighten their budget, a low cost phone line could be a suitable choice.

If you do not currently have a landline, many providers offer to connect your phone line for free when you sign up to an account. Before doing this, it is recommended that you visit a price comparison website to ensure you are getting the right deal for your price range.

Once you are connected, it is advisable to find out what hours your service provider lists as peak times. The majority of companies consider 7am to 7pm as peak, but Virgin Media lists 6am to 6pm as their peak times. The difference in price between a peak and an off-peak call can be considerable, so an awareness of the times and cost difference stands to save you a considerable amount.

The majority of home phone line providers claim to offer free evening calls. You should be aware that although they are listed as free, this is rarely the case for calls lasting longer than an hour. To keep call costs down, time your phone calls and as you approach an hour, hang up and call back. This is keep you within the allotted call allowance, meaning that you should not incur any extra charges.

Voicemail and caller ID services can also have hidden costs. For example; some providers charge customers for voicemail retrieval, while others will charge for use of these services if contract stipulations to prevent it are not reached each month. These stipulations usually cover chargeable or off-peak phone calls.

If your bills are higher than you can afford, it may be wise to ask your provider about the 'social tariffs' they offer. These special tariffs can help lower the cost of using your landline, provided you meet the requirements to qualify for them. It should be noted, however, that it is at your service providerâ€™s discretion whether or not to accept you onto one of these lower cost price plans.

If the cost of making calls on your landline is too high, it is worth considering web-to-web phone calls. Services like Skype offer free calls from computer to computer using your internet connection. There are no charges and calls can last as long as you like.

In this time of cutbacks, when the majority of people have less disposable income, by keeping these points in mind, it should be possible to find the right home phone line deal for you, at a cost that suits your wallet.

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