

## **Do I Need WIFI? And, are there Affordable WIFI Options?**

Yes, to use the Amazon Fire Tablet (or any other device that requires the internet) you need to have WIFI. If you are not sure whether you have WIFI in your home or apartment, call your cable TV provider, Comcast, Verizon, etc. and ask if WIFI is included in your service.

If you do not have internet access, you may qualify for Comcast Internet Essentials Program reduced access rate. Many other providers are now offering programs as well. For example, Verizon now offers a reduced access plan called Verizon Plus. In addition to provider discounts, the Federal Government offers a program that discounts your cable bill by \$30. We found this link that provides information on how lower income families, older adults and students may access the internet for less money: [\*\*INTERNET FOR LOWER INCOMES\*\*](#)

**Comcast Internet Essentials:** Home Internet service for \$9.95/month with no term contract, no cancellation fees. For more information, click here: [\*\*COMCAST INTERNET ESSENTIALS\*\*](#)

**Verizon Forward Program:** A discount Verizon offers to provide internet access to our customers who are enrolled in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). With ACP and Verizon Forward Program, customers can get free internet service. No hidden fees. No equipment charges. For more information, click here: [\*\*VERIZON FORWARD PROGRAM\*\*](#)

**AT&T Access:** Internet service for \$10/month with free installation, no annual contract and no deposit for eligible households. For more information, click here: [\*\*AT&T ACCESS\*\*](#)

**Affordable Connectivity Plan, ACP** (formally the Emergency Broadband Benefit, EBB): A federal government program that provides a benefit on home internet or wireless service for eligible households. If you currently have WIFI service, your bill could be decreased by up to \$30 per month.

See below a list of local providers participating in ACP:

**Cleo Communications:** 614-285-4869

**Comcast, Internet Essentials:** 1-844-963-0178

**Cox Communications:** 866-439-1289

**Earthlink:** 888-327-8454

**GCET:** 413775-6400

**Hughes Network Systems:** 844-737-2700

**Otelco:** 833-683-5261

**RCN:** 800-746-4726

**T-Mobile:** 1-800-937-8997

**Verizon:** 1-800-837-4966