

# CT CONNECTIONS

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## Digging Into a Landscaping Project?

### First Call 653-2261

Planning to tackle a big landscaping project? CT Communications reminds you to pick up your phone before you pick up your shovel. Call (937) 653-2261 at least two (2) days before you dig and we will locate your buried cable free of charge. It not only saves you time and protects you from potentially costly damage, but it's required by Ohio law.

Many utility services such as phone, cable television, sewer, gas, water, and electricity come to your home via underground lines. In certain locations, these lines may be close to the surface and can be accidentally damaged by even shallow digging in your yard. By making one call to (937) 653-2261, you can proceed with your landscaping knowing that you won't disrupt your phone lines.

As one of your local service providers, CT Communications thanks you in advance for your cooperation in this community effort. By simply dialing before digging, you can make your property more beautiful without making a mess out of utility lines.



## Watch the Vancouver Games in HD It's the next best thing to being there

CTTV is proud to carry the Vancouver Olympic Winter Games on the networks of NBC Universal: USA HD, CNBC HD+, Universal HD, NBC, MSNBC, CNBC, and USA. With the incredible detail of our high definition channels, you'll feel like you have a front row seat to the powerful performances and gold medal moments.

- Be there for the excitement from February 12-28, 2010
- Compelling content and unparalleled coverage
- 400+ hours of programming
- 2,500 athletes competing for 80+ medals
- Alpine skiing, bobsleigh, figure skating, speed skating, ice hockey, luge, snowboard and more

These are the moments when lifelong dreams come true, and you'll want to share the magic and cheer on the athletes. CT has optioned enhanced Olympics coverage for all our NBC Universal cable stations. So remember—the best way to watch the Vancouver Olympic Winter Games on the networks of NBC Universal is on CTTV. For more information, call CT Communications.

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1679 E. State Rt. 29, Urbana  
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#### Business Office Hours:

126 Scioto Street, Urbana  
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Customer Service & Sales (937) 653-4000

Message Center (937) 653-2211

Engineering & Outside Plant (937) 653-2261

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# Social Networking Now

Have you been invited to “follow me on Twitter” or “become a friend on Facebook”? If you haven’t yet joined the social networking landscape, you may want to give it more thought. After all, social networking sites are not going away and are a convenient way to communicate with current friends, reconnect with old friends, stay in touch with family members, and meet new people.

**The list of social networking sites is long, but some of the most popular ones are:**

**Facebook • [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)**

The fastest growing social networking site in the world gains a million new users each week. You can share information both on your own Facebook page and friends’ pages, leave private messages, or post public messages in a space called the “Wall.” Activity on your page is reported to friends on their pages and vice versa. Private messages and

comments are reported to you via regular e-mail, so you know when to check your Facebook page. With versatile Facebook tools, you can share photos, videos and links; chat in real time; and proclaim favorites in many different categories such as movies, books, and famous quotations.



**Twitter • [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)**

This site allows users to post short answers, called “tweets,” to the question, “What are you doing?” Each tweet must be 140 characters or less, so you have to get straight to the point. It’s a fun way to find out what’s happening right now with friends, family, and even celebrities. In addition to posting tweets

and responding to those you follow, you can use Twitter’s search tools to find tweets on any topic posted by people all over the world.

**LinkedIn • [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)**

Perhaps the best known of the business networking sites, LinkedIn is a professional network with members ranging from executives of Fortune 500 companies to employees of small businesses. It’s part social network, part business networking tool, and part expert advice resource. The site can help you manage the information that’s publicly available about you, introduce you to subject experts, give you insights from discussions with other professionals, and discover inside connections that lead to job prospects.

We encourage you to explore these and similar sites, and learn how to use them effectively and safely. They can make a valuable addition to your social life.

# Blogging Basics for Beginners

In simple terms, a blog (short for “web log”) is an online journal—a place to record one’s thoughts. But blogs have the potential to become so much more: entertainment sources, educational tools, wells of inspiration, and even communities.

A blog consists of entries or “posts” on a particular topic. For example, say you enjoy gardening. Your blog might be about gardening tips and tricks for others to try. One post might talk about soil enhancements, while another might discuss how to deal with pests. Each new blog post shows up at the top of the blog page (which looks similar to a web page), so readers can easily find what’s new.

Blogging is fun because it allows you to talk to the world and the world to talk back. In addition to the information you provide, a blog post contains a space for readers to enter comments. Someone across the country

might ask you for advice on the best types of tomatoes to grow on your gardening blog. You might reply with your advice, or create a whole new post on the subject.

In addition to text, blog posts often contain links, photos, and even videos to help get the message across. A blog can be on almost any topic, from politics to hobbies to your inner thoughts.

Creating a blog is easy. Go to a free blogging website like Blogger ([blogger.com](http://blogger.com)), or WordPress ([wordpress.com](http://wordpress.com)), and follow the directions to get started. Once you’ve started your blog, keep these basic guidelines in mind:

**Stick to your topic.** If you start to stray, readers who like your topic will lose interest.

**Consistency is important,** so choose a regular posting schedule that you can comfortably maintain.



**Keep your entries to around 500 words or less,** and use bullets and subheads for easy scanning.

You may never get famous by writing your blog, but you will have the satisfaction that comes from self-expression. And that’s the biggest reward.

## February 2010

February 10 – The day before disconnect day, January bills due by 5 pm  
February 11 – Disconnect day  
February 15 – Current bill due

## March 2010

March 10 – The day before disconnect day, February bills due by 5 pm  
March 11 – Disconnect day  
March 15 – Current bill due

## April 2010

April 13 – The day before disconnect day, March bills due by 5 pm  
April 14 – Disconnect day  
April 15 – Current bill due

# Have a Ball in February With ESPN360.com

ESPN360.com is a broadband network for live sports programming that delivers online sports to fans through a rich, interactive, and easy-to-use experience. Here are the ESPN360.com highlights for February:

- 366 live events and over 760 hours of live scheduled coverage
- 291 men's and women's college basketball games including 1 exclusive men's game
- 14 NBA games and the NBA All-Star Celebrity game
- 9 hours of ESPNU National Signing Day coverage
- 39 soccer matches including 1 exclusive Carling Cup Final, 1 Copa Del Rey matches, 5 exclusive Dutch League matches, 8 German Bundesliga matches, 8 exclusive Italian Series A matches, 4 exclusive Portuguese League matches, 15 Spanish La Liga matches
- Exclusive coverage of the 1st ODI of Bangladesh vs. England cricket
- All 3 days of coverage of the Bassmaster Classic Weigh-ins



- 4 Friday Night Fights events
- Exclusive coverage of the USA Sevens Rugby Tournaments from New Zealand and Las Vegas
- 2 high school basketball games
- Live coverage of the USA Indoor Track & Field Championships

Ready to have a ball? As a high-speed Internet customer of CT Communications, you automatically get FREE access to ESPN360.com. While on your home connection, simply log into your ESPN.com account, then head to ESPN360.com and click on REMOTE ACCESS. You will be prompted to sync your ESPN.com account to activate the feature.

## Get in the Game With the New HD Premium Bundle Only \$108/month for the first three months\*

We've teamed up these CT Communications services in the new HD Premium Bundle to give you a winning combination of savings and convenience:

- Local Phone Service
- Unlimited Nationwide Calling
- Caller ID Plus
- Call Waiting ID
- Connection Assurance
- Voicemail
- Broadband High-Speed Internet
- CTTV Plus Package (includes one High Definition set top box and one standard definition set top box).

To sign up for the HD Premium Bundle, call (937) 653-4000 or visit [www.ctcn.net](http://www.ctcn.net).

*\*One-year contract is required. Regular price is \$122.95/month. Contact us for complete details.*

## Stay Connected During Winter Storms

In light of the increased use of wireless phones, cordless phones, and VoIP, CT Communications wants to remind you that these types of telephone technology will not work if electricity goes out due to winter storms. One item to always have on hand is a corded landline phone that plugs into the phone jack in the wall. Since a corded phone does not require electricity, it can be your backup method of communication during and after a storm—keeping you connected to emergency personnel, family, and friends.

For safety's sake, we urge you to keep at least one corded landline phone in your home, along with a flashlight and other emergency items.

### CT Backup Line

The CT Backup Line is an option for homes that currently have only VOIP or cell phone service, but want the flexibility and security of a dedicated landline as well. For a one-time \$5 charge, CT Communications will activate the CT Backup Line for use in emergencies and for incoming calls.

- If electricity goes out, you'll have the CT Backup Line to call 911.
- It provides another way for callers to reach you when your cellular phone is not operating correctly or is lost.
- No monthly charges to pay.

Call CT Communications at (937) 653-4000 for more information.



# Bill Paying Made Easy

## Make your CT Communication payments automatically with E-Z Pay.

### How It Works...

Simply authorize regularly scheduled payments to be made from your checking, savings, or credit card account. Your payments will be made automatically on the specified day and proof of payment will appear on your statement.

### The Benefits...

- It saves time—you'll have fewer checks to write and no postage to pay.
- It's convenient—payments will be made on time, even when you're out of town.
- No lost or misplaced statements.
- Easy to sign up and easy to cancel.
- No late charges.

To sign up, visit our website at [www.CTCN.net](http://www.CTCN.net) and click on "Resources" then "E-Statement." Here you can pay monthly or set up a recurring payment. Or complete and return the form below.

Yes. I authorize CT Communications, Inc. to deduct the amount of my monthly bill(s) from my checking, savings, or credit card account on the due date of each CT Communications bill. I will receive my bill receipt each month, listing my account details and notification of the amount that will be deducted.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### CHOOSE FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

**Checking Account** - attach a cancelled check.

Bank: \_\_\_\_\_

Routing Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Savings Account** - attach a deposit slip.

Bank: \_\_\_\_\_

Routing Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**VISA, MasterCard (circle appropriate card type)**

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CVV2#: \_\_\_\_\_

*NOTE: The authority you give to charge your account will remain in effect until you notify us in writing to terminate the authorization.*

**RETURN TO:** CT Communications • 126 Scioto Street • Urbana, OH 43078



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A great way to watch the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games in HD on CTTV is with CT Communications. Call (937) 653-4000 to sign up for HD today!

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