

# LET'S TALK BROADBAND



## FAQs

### I keep hearing the term 'broadband'. What does that mean?

Put simply, when we say broadband, we mean super-fast internet service. The faster the internet service, the faster and more efficiently residents and community members can work, learn, connect with others, download and upload files, stream video, conduct an internet video or voice call without delay or dropped calls.

### What services will Loveland broadband provide?

Loveland broadband will offer high-speed internet and phone service to both residential and business customers. We are reviewing the viability of providing television. Internet service will be symmetrical, meaning upload and download speeds are the same.

### What speeds/prices will be available?

Loveland broadband provides affordable gigabit internet service with no data caps or service throttling, no hidden installation costs and no hidden fees. Several different packages will be available based on speed needs, including lower speed options. Pricing will be available once we start subscribing customers.

### What is the Loveland broadband network?

Loveland broadband customers will get high-speed internet delivered to their home or business directly through a 100% fiber-optic network. Fiber is the fastest, most reliable technology on the market today, helping us deliver the speeds and service you deserve.

### Why is the City offering broadband service?

The City strives to be an ideal location for ALL people to live, work, and play. As a community-owned and not-for-profit service, we exist to serve our customers. We believe that high-speed, reliable internet service should be available to everyone in Loveland - today and into the future. We offer **choice, competitive prices, high speeds** and will provide the same **excellent customer service** for broadband that you have come to know and expect from Loveland Water and Power.

### Who is eligible for service?

The current service area includes customers inside City limits. Phase two of our proposal includes the Big Thompson Canyon and other areas within the electric service area. All residents and businesses within the service area have the option to sign up for Loveland broadband or stay with their current providers.

### When will service be available?

We have not yet determined where construction will begin as service depends on a variety of factors. Full network buildout will take 3-4 years to bring broadband to every home and business in the city. We anticipate connecting our first customer in the first quarter of 2020. We will notify neighborhoods when service will be available in their area. As we are still in the early phases of implementation, we will know more in the coming months.

### Will I have to buy/lease hardware from the City?

Loveland broadband customers will have the option to lease hardware from us or use your own hardware.

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## **Will this affect my taxes or electric rates?**

No. Only subscribers to the City's service will be billed/pay for Loveland broadband. The start-up stages of the network are funded by bonds which will be paid back using subscriber fees once service begins. More information on project financing can be found at [cityofloveland.org/Broadband](http://cityofloveland.org/Broadband).

## **How can I receive updates about the broadband project?**

The website, [cityofloveland.org/Broadband](http://cityofloveland.org/Broadband), is the information hub which includes recent news, a place to ask questions as well as a place to sign up to receive email updates.

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## **How will construction impact me?**

To meet the timeline of a 3-4 year buildout, construction will happen in multiple locations at once. A variety of different factors will determine priority, including proximity to existing infrastructure and ease of installation. We are working to use low impact construction techniques and take extra precautions to minimize disruption to customers' property. Similar to other City construction projects, we will be building out a construction phasing schedule as we get closer and will keep affected residents and business informed of construction areas and details through our communication channels. Sign-up to receive updates at [cityofloveland.org/Broadband](http://cityofloveland.org/Broadband).

## **What is the City's stance on net neutrality/privacy?**

Strict privacy policies exist today for all other City-owned utility services; water, wastewater and power. Loveland broadband is working to develop a similar policy around privacy and restrictions on access and usage.