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Have a Forest of Fun During the Holidays

Albany Mutual Telephone wishes you all the best this holiday season! It's a great time of year to bundle up and get outside — whether to pick the perfect Christmas tree at a farm, check out the light displays around town, or build a snowman in your yard.

Please note that our office will be closed on the following days to allow our employees time to celebrate the holiday season. December 24th and 25th for Christmas and January 1st for New Year's. In case of a service emergency, you can always reach us at 320.845.2101.

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Get Comfy and Enjoy the Top 10 Christmas Movies

Gathering everyone on the sofa for movie nights is a year-round routine for many families. It can be especially fun, however, during the holiday season. Perhaps you maintain the tradition of watching your favorite Christmas movie annually, or maybe you like to check out Christmas movies you've never seen before.

The popular movie-rating site, www.rottentomatoes.com, shared its list below of the top 10 Christmas movies. How many of them have you watched?

1. *It's a Wonderful Life* (1946)
2. *Miracle on 34th Street* (1947)
3. *Holiday Inn* (1942)
4. *The Shop Around the Corner* (1940)
5. *Stalag 17* (1953)
6. *The Apartment* (1960)
7. *The Nightmare Before Christmas* (1993)
8. *Die Hard* (1988)
9. *Arthur Christmas* (2011)
10. *A Christmas Story* (1983)

Keep in mind that if you stream movies through a service such as Netflix, you'll need fast Internet speeds for the best experience. Go to www.albanytel.com to see our selection of Internet plans.



Upgrade to Faster Internet and Make The Whole House Happy

Look around the rooms of your house and take note of all the Internet-connected devices they contain. Your list may include computers, tablets, smartphones, smart TVs, Blu-ray disc players, video game consoles, and streaming media set-top boxes. Now think about all the online activities taking place simultaneously on a typical day in your house, such as streaming music and HD movies, downloading software and apps, uploading photos, playing video games, and enjoying video chats.

Add everything up and there's an excellent chance that your household is using significantly more broadband than it did even a year or two ago. Many Albany Mutual Telephone customers are saturating their bandwidth because of increased usage, and this can make it seem as though their Internet service is running slow when it's actually being maxed out. If this is the case in your household, you may be experiencing annoying slowdowns such as video buffering.

Fortunately, there's a quick way to solve this problem. Simply upgrade your Internet plan to one with higher speeds. Albany Mutual Telephone now offers a variety of competitively priced plans with speeds up to 1,000 Mbps download and 100 Mbps upload.

According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), nearly 30 percent of Americans are now opting for 25 Mbps service, which is up from 7 percent in 2011.¹ The pace of life is definitely speeding up!

For help determining which Internet plan best fits your household's current usage, call Albany Mutual Telephone today at 320.845.2101. Be sure to ask about the option of money-saving bundles including Internet.

¹Source: www.extremetech.com/mobile/198583-fcc-raises-broadband-definition-to-25mbps-chairman-mocks-isp