

Westman Communications Group Faster Internet, Safer E-mail

Brandon MB, October 17, 2003 Speed and security are what most Internet users want. Both can make an Internet experience more enjoyable and worry-free. To help in those two areas Westman Communications Group (WCG) will be making significant changes to its WAVE high-speed Internet service by increasing the speed by 33% and launching two new services to assist its Internet customers in having a more secure e-mail service.

On October 19, 2003 Westman Communications Group will increase the speed of its WAVE service by 33% - to 2 megabits per second (Mbps) from 1.5 Mbps. The increase in speed will be automatic and WAVE customers will not be required to make any changes on their computer. "By offering our customers a faster WAVE service we are giving them better access to the Internet in less time. That's the efficiency and reliability they've come to expect from WCG's high quality broadband service," says David Baxter, President and CEO of Westman Communications Group.

Also on October 23, WCG will launch two new services to help customers deal with the increased number of spam and viruses on the Internet. SpamControl is a service designed to filter unsolicited and bulk e-mail (junk mail) from reaching the customer's mailbox. You can customize the settings to the appropriate level of spam control. The service is free to WAVE or Ultra-Net customers and will be available as a subscription service to EasyNet customers.

VirusControl is a service that provides an added level of security from viruses by scanning incoming e-mails. The cost of the service is \$1.95 for the first email account and \$0.95 for each additional email account. "This new service does not replace software programs such as McAfee Anti-Virus and Norton Anti-Virus but gives the user an additional layer of security and more peace of mind when receiving incoming e-mails" stated Mr. Baxter.



All WCG customers will receive a Free one month trial of these services and will receive an e-mail from Westman Communications Group containing step-by-step directions to set up these new services. After the trial, customers will have the choice of subscribing to the new services.

About Westman Communications Group

WCG is a customer-focused company providing leadership in communication and information technology products and services in cable TV, fibre optics, computer networks, data transport, Internet, advertising and broadcasting. Westman Communications Group is the operating name for Westman Media Cooperative Ltd., which provides service throughout Western Manitoba. As a customer-owned cooperative, WCG is proud of its strong commitment to its customers and the communities it serves.

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