

The Mansfield Town Hall, Mansfield Community Center and their Outdoor Areas are Free Wireless Internet Hotspots!

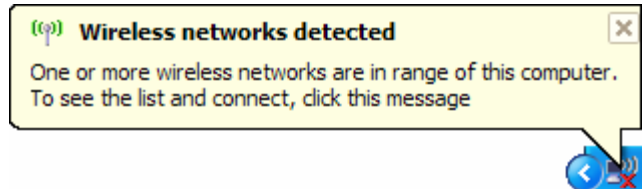


Easy 5-Step Directions to Use Our Free Public Wireless

Note: We do not have technical support available to assist with public wireless.

1. Connect to “WiFiPublic” (our wireless network).

Your device might connect to it automatically or it may give you a pop-up window at the bottom or top of your screen asking you to click on it to connect. Or you may need to start up your device’s wireless network card software and it should guide you through the process of connecting to WiFiPublic. It is an unencrypted wireless Internet network.



2. Start your Internet Browser.



Click on the icon for the software that you use to go on the Internet. This might be Internet Explorer, FireFox, Safari, or any of a dozen different Internet browsers. If you have a proxy setting entered into your browser, you will need to turn it off.

3. Review the Acceptable Use Text.

Don’t forget to read the acceptable use text box on the screen. Remember as well that wireless Internet is less secure than wired Internet so do not use it to send confidential or financial information.

Welcome to Region 19 & Mansfield Wireless!

ew guest, click on the “Register as Guest” button at the bottom of this page after reading the acceptable use text

Please review the Acceptable Use text in this scroll box prior to using this service (updated 8/31/07). By signing in, you are consenting to this text. This text is also available at <http://mansfieldct.org/schools/mms/wau.pdf>. (scroll down for more...)

4. Create a Username and Password.

Click on the “Register as Guest” button to create a free username and password. It will ask you to choose a username and password, and to provide your first and last name (you can provide your initials if you prefer).



5. Enjoy the Internet!

Next time you can use the username and password you already created in step #4 above (you do not need to re-register every time). Eventually your username will expire and you will need to re-register.

➔ Check out the other side of this paper for more information! ➔

FAQs! (*frequently asked questions*)

Q: Is this really free for me?

A: Yes!

Q: What areas are included in the wireless coverage?

A: While it can vary depending on your device and time of day, generally most indoor areas and most of the surrounding outdoor grounds are covered. Mansfield Community Center indoor areas are covered except for the pool and locker rooms.

Q: Is there technical support available for public wireless users?

A: Because this is a free service, we do not have technical support available nor public printing.

Q: Am I guaranteed privacy when using your public wireless Internet?

A: No. Wireless connections are less secure than wired connections. You are advised not to use wireless to transmit confidential information such as unencrypted passwords, credit card numbers, financial records, or any other personal, private, or sensitive information. We do not provide encryption.

Q: Does your Internet connection protect me from viruses?

A: No. While the Internet is a wonderful resource, there are some people who use it for malicious purposes to spread viruses, spyware, and malware. We highly recommend that you run anti-virus and security software on your device and keep your software up-to-date to reduce your risk.

Q: Do you use content filtering software?

A: Yes. The software attempts to block websites that are likely to be inappropriate for general use in a public setting and by multiple age groups. But, some inappropriate content will still get through so we advise you to be selective in the information that you access. Parents/guardians are responsible for monitoring access by their children. Public wireless users at MCC are responsible for adhering to relevant portions of the MCC Policy on Access to Electronic Equipment. (copies are posted at the public computer terminals at MCC).

Q: Is the wireless Internet connection guaranteed to work?

A: No. We are proud to provide a reliable wireless network, but we can not guarantee that it will work with all equipment and there may be unexpected outage times. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Q: Where can I read the Acceptable Use text for your wireless service?

A: The Acceptable Use text appears on the login webpage for the wireless service or you can view it at your convenience at <http://www.mansfieldct.org/town/wifiau.pdf>. You should read the acceptable use text as you are consenting to it when you log into the public wireless.

Q: Is wireless technology a health risk?

A: We are not aware of definitive studies that have found wireless Internet access to pose a health risk, but users are advised to make their own health decisions and to discontinue use if they feel it is a risk.

Q: Can I use the public wireless Internet for whatever I want?

A: No. Wireless users are individually responsible for adhering to Federal, state, and local regulations, laws, and copyright. We may refuse wireless access to users who violate laws, regulations, the acceptable use text, or to any users' whose activity disrupts the wireless network or is an inappropriate behavior in this facility or its grounds. We are not liable for misuse of the wireless connection.