

Internet Rules of Use

The NorthernTel Internet Service is committed to being a responsible network citizen. To assist us in protecting the usefulness and enjoyment of the Internet for our members, please read the following document outlining our policies on network abuse. The activities described below constitute violations of the NorthernTel Internet Service Agreement and may result in loss of service for the offender.

The NorthernTel Internet Rules of Use prohibits activities that include, but are not limited to the rules described below (the "**Rules**"). The terms and conditions of the Rules may change at any time and without prior notice; you are responsible for informing yourself of any changes to the Rules by periodically consulting this page. If you have any questions about the NorthernTel Internet Rules of Use, do not hesitate to contact your Internet Service provider via email abuse@nt.net.

For the purposes of this document, "Internet host" means any computer or electronic device connected to the Internet and "you" means you and any user of your Internet account.

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You are prohibited from using your Internet account to conduct activities that include, but are not limited to:

- Transmitting unsolicited messages which, in the sole judgement of your Internet Service provider, causes significant disruption or elicits complaints from other Internet users
- Harassing users or groups in any way;
Impersonating users of the Internet Service or any other Internet service provider in any way;
- Uploading or downloading, transmitting, posting, publishing, disseminating, receiving, retrieving, storing or otherwise reproducing, distributing or providing access to information, software, or other material which is (i) confidential or is protected by copyright or other intellectual property rights, without prior authorization from the rights holder(s); (ii) defamatory, obscene, contains child pornography or hate literature; or (iii) constitutes invasion of privacy, appropriation of personality, or unauthorized linking or framing;
- Transmitting, receiving, distributing or storing any program or information designed to assist users in defeating copy-protection, registration and any other anti-theft mechanisms associated with commercial or shareware programs;
- Transmitting, receiving, distributing or storing any program or information designed to assist in the fraudulent use of telecommunications services;
Using an Internet host's resources in a manner not authorized by its administrators, including mail relaying;
- Transmitting chain letters, make-money-fast or pyramid style schemes of any sort;
- Posting or transmitting any information or software which contains a virus, "cancelbot", "trojan horse", "worm" or other harmful or disruptive component.

Electronic Mail

In addition to the foregoing, when using the Email Service, you are prohibited from conducting activities that include, but are not limited to:

- Transmit identical or substantially similar unsolicited email messages.
- Promote or facilitate the transmission of unsolicited email messages.
- Attach an excessively long signature to your messages.
- Forge the headers of your email messages in any way.
- Send messages to disrupt or cause difficulties in receiving other email.

Your Internet Service provider has a Zero Tolerance for unsolicited email messages (spam). Actions contrary to the terms and conditions of the NorthernTel Internet Rules of Use may result in the termination of your

Internet account and may result in further penalties. The Internet account owner is responsible for any and all action that originates from his / her Internet account.

Customers who maintain bulk "opt-in" email lists must have a method of confirming subscriptions and be able to provide that information as evidence when requested by the Internet Service provider. At the discretion of the Internet Service provider, if no such evidence is available, messages could be considered unsolicited.

Your Internet Service provider reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to set an upper limit on the number of recipients of customer initiated email, the number of subscribers on a customer's bulk "opt-in" email list, and the number of messages a customer may send or receive through the service.

Newsgroups / Discussion Forums

In addition to the foregoing, while posting to newsgroups or any other discussion forum, you are prohibited from conducting activities that include, but are not limited to:

- Posting advertisements, commercial or unsolicited messages of any kind, unless expressly permitted by the charter or FAQ.
- Posting binary or excessively large files of any kind, unless expressly permitted by the charter or FAQ.
- Posting substantially identical messages to more than 10 newsgroups.
- Attaching an excessively long signature to your messages.
- Forging the headers of your postings in any way.

Newsgroup and forum postings must comply with the associated charter or FAQ. At the discretion of your Internet Service provider, if a posted message does not fall within the topic or ideals of the discussion identified by the charter or FAQ, the message could represent an infraction of the Internet Policy. Users posting messages to newsgroups or forums are responsible for making themselves aware of the rules of conduct, prior to posting.

Internet Relay Chat (IRC)/Chat

In addition to the foregoing, while using IRC or any other chat service, you are prohibited from conducting activities that include, but are not limited to:

- Sending messages that include advertisements or commercial content of any kind in an unsolicited matter.
- Attempting a Denial of Service attack either automated via a bot, or manually.

Additionally, while using an IRC Server or Internet Chat Service, you must be in full compliance with the rules and regulations set out by the server administrator.

Network / Security

In addition to the foregoing, while using your Internet account, you are prohibited from conducting activities that include, but are not limited to:

- Sharing of your Internet user account UserID and password for any purpose, including, without limitation, for concurrent dial up login sessions from the same Internet user account.
- Causing an Internet host to become unable to effectively service requests from other hosts.
- Running and/or hosting Server Applications including but not limited to HTTP, FTP, POP, SMTP, Proxy/SOCKS, NNTP).
- Analyzing or penetrating an Internet host's security mechanisms.

- Forging any part of the TCP/IP packet headers in any way.

You are solely responsible for the security of your system. While connected to the Internet Service, you are prohibited from any act, committed intentionally or through negligence, which may compromise the security of your Internet host in any way.

Customers found responsible for violation of the Rules may, at the sole discretion of their Internet Service provider, be subject to the suspension/termination of their Internet account and/or the application of additional service charges. Also, violation of the Rules may result in criminal and civil liability. Your Internet Service provider will offer full co-operation to law enforcement agencies if their investigation warrants it.

In the event that numerous complaints are received by our staff in regards to any breaches of the Rules, a processing fee per complaint received in addition to an administration fee may be applied to your account, at the discretion of your Internet Service provider.

Your Internet Service provider does not assume liability to any of its members or other Internet users for failure to enforce the terms and conditions of the Rules. As well, your Internet Service provider reserves the right to suspend your Internet account at any time without prior notice.