



Help in Northport's Push for Internet!

Our town is making great strides to bring affordable, high-speed, state-of-the-art broadband internet access to every home and business, and you can play a key part in this process. On behalf of the Northport Broadband Internet Committee, we are asking for the residents of Northport to participate in a quick internet speed test.

This is a very simple test, and the Maine Broadband Coalition would like you to check back and run it more than once at different times of day. If you could participate it would be instrumental, and spreading the word to friends and acquaintances on the back roads of Northport would help a lot too!

Please go to the Maine Broadband Coalition's website and run their speed test from your Northport home as soon and as often as possible:

mainebroadbandcoalition.org

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: "Why should I run this test?"

A: One of the challenges our broadband committee faces, and the motivation to share this test, is that the Federal government considers Northport adequately served with broadband and *ineligible for funding*. The Maine Broadband Coalition has created a speed test map to correct this misconception, and your participation would help Northport families get better connectivity.

Q: "What if I have no internet service at all?"

A: If you are still able to access the speed test using a public device, like those found at the library, there is an option to write in your address and choose the *No Service* option.

Q: "Does this test save any personal data?"

A: This test does not save any information of data, other than what you give it explicitly, and has separate options if you are concerned about your privacy.

Q: "Where can I find more information about Northport, and our committees?"

A: The Northport Broadband Committee meets every Tuesday at 5:00pm at the Town Office – or via Zoom. Details can be found on the town website, "northportmaine.org" under the "Committees" tab. Or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/NorthportBIC>.

More information to come. Please check our posted meeting minutes and agendas for details.

