

I have noticed a drastic increase in the number of pre-recorded telephone solicitations I've received in the past few months.

This MUST stop.

Most telemarketer calls arrive with no "Caller ID" information and that do will not answer when called back. There is no way to ask these people to stop calling because you can not communicate with them unless you call the advertised number. Then you can only talk to a sales person, someone that knows nothing about the solitication you've just received.

I pay for my telephone service. I do this as a convenience for me, not telemarketers. A telemarketer calling people at home is the equivalent of standing on private property hawking goods or services. If a person wants to post a garage sale sign in my front yard, I have the right to refuse. I also have the right to charge a fee to that person for the privilege of using my property for their commercial endeavor, regardless of whether or not I choose to attend the garage sale.

A specific "Caller ID" code assigned to telemarketers, that I can freely block, might resolve this issue. The ability to charge telemarketers when they call may also change the methods of most telemarketers

Why must I have to go out of my way by asking telemarketers to not call? Perhaps a "Yes, Call Me" list, where people would list their names and numbers saying that they would like to be called would be another alternative.

Whatever method you choose will be insufficient unless there is also instituted a way to enforce compliance. Currently there is no way to ensure that telemarketers will adhere to the "Do Not Call" list. If caught, most would feign ignorance of the law, move, change the name of the company and get a new phone number. Then the process will start all over again.