

I recently moved from an area where I had DSL to an area that I only can get Satellite or dialup. I've been trying dial up. Dial up, I found is useless! I never realized how much traffic a PC now generates when connected to the Internet. Between windows updates, HP updates (It's an HP PC) Virus updates and many other programs that constantly send and receive information. A big part of this information transfer is beyond my control and knowledge or I would shut it off. With this constant information exchange and add all of the embedded movies and advertisements associated with loading a web page and you sit maybe 10 to 15 minutes just to load 1 page.(if it does not time out and you have to restart the page). I thought about trying Satellite service but have decided with a 200 mb per day limit before they knock your service down to dialup levels it's not worth the price. Over the past few years people in rural areas have been burned with the new wave of communications. I could' before digital TV, get broadcast from my local TV stations. It might have been a little snowey but I could get weather reports and news. After digital started, Since I'm just on the digital fringe, I get nothing. Even my dial up only connects at the fastest 24KB. When I call the ATT support the automated response says very directly that there may be an \$85 charge because I don't have in house wiring in my contract. I can't afford the \$85 charge. When I moved to the area I had Verizon. It would not work. I called Verizon and the Tech assured me that I would not be penalized for going to a different carrier but my next bill showed almost a \$300 charge for terminating my service. I switched to ATT wireless which did work until it seems the leaves put out on the trees and now only have one spot in my yard (150 ft away from my house) that I can get ant signal at all.

In all, it seems that all of the advancements have been good in the cities but in rural areas, we have backed up. I'm now starting to see companies like banks beginning to charge for paper billing. It looks like even income tax has to be filed electronically. More and more things are requiring internet access and I can't do anything about it.