

Internet Options

Given that traditional urban sources for internet (e.g., *DSL over phone lines, fiber optic & cable*) are not available in our community, we rely on sources specializing in rural area service such as these internet options:

- **Starlink** internet has good reviews from CRE homeowners with stable reliability.
- **5G Internet** from **T-Mobile** is in use by a few with reasonable feedback.
- **Xtream Internet Radio-based** delivery using microwave technology is beamed to small antennas mounted on our homes. This is the traditional option still in use by most residents. Reliability is a bit less stable than Starlink. *Xtream worked with our Metro District in an agreement to install new, advanced radios on a hilltop to our west to bring us fast, competitive and reasonable internet service. (970) 305-5855 <https://xtreaminternet.com/>*
- **Hughes Net** type of services has poor homeowner feedback.



Note: if technically allowed the CRE HOA requires internet antennas placed on our home to be painted to blend with the home. Per the manufacture, Starlink antennas are not to be painted, while the antennas provided by Xtream can be painted (tip: provide the installation technician with a can of spray paint).

Internet FAQ:

- **Why do we have spotty wi-fi coverage in our home?**
 - A single wi-fi router has a limited range and walls and other objects reduce the signal further. The best solution is to install an advanced Mesh system router that incorporates numerous access points. While these systems are available online and in big box stores, if you lack the tech savvy to install and manage the system, you may want to consider having experts handle this for you. The advanced router options offered and managed by Xtream Internet are worthy of consideration.
 - A tech savvy DIY advanced router option is the Plume Home Wi-Fi system at: <https://www.plume.com/homepass> [A CRE homeowner is affiliated with this company and can help answer questions and possibly even provide a substantial discount; contact the community manager to get his contact's info.]
 - Small wi-fi “extenders” are an option, but these come with numerous drawbacks.