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12 Mbps is the broadband speed that gives you the competitive edge in online HD action games

Check your game provider for their recommendation; however, 12.0 Mbps or better, plus a hard wire Ethernet connection to your modem can give serious gamers the edge in interactive gaming.

802.11 is the Wi-Fi technology that works with your Ponderosa router

Ponderosa deploys industry standard technology and our wireless routers support 802.11b, 802.11g and 802.11n wireless LAN Wi-Fi standards. If you purchase industry standards-based gadgets with these Wi-Fi specifications, they should work with Ponderosa routers. However, please be aware that problems can still exist between your device, operating system and a Wi-Fi router.

Search the Internet for more information on specific issues.

16 is the number of wireless gadgets that can connect to your Ponderosa modem at one time

Does your household have a love for gadgets, gadgets and more gadgets? One thing is for sure; every year more gadgets come out that can be connected to your Ponderosa Internet access. Sixteen is the maximum connection number but, make sure your bandwidth is scaled to your user habits or you will experience service degradation and extreme frustration.

List the number of connections in your household that could be active simultaneously. Could it be time to consider upgrading your Internet bandwidth?

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- Smart phones
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FACT: The most life-threatening emergencies happen at home. The top three are falls, poisoning and fire.

FACT: Wireline telephone is still recognized as the most reliable connection to help emergency responders find you fast in the event of a major emergency or catastrophe.

Limericks

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The next time you shop, check the vendors who are listed in the Ponderosa Yellow Pages first. If they don’t offer exactly what you need, ask them if they can order it. Most local vendors will bend over backwards for your business. They have made a commitment to stay and invest in your repeat business. They want you as a customer.

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Sierra Women’s Service Club
Prather, CA

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