



Fiber Construction Resumes in La Porte City

Customers within the city limits of La Porte City will soon experience the hustle, bustle, and excitement of construction crews descending upon our town. Central Cable Contractors, Inc. of Wisconsin is the general contractor for the project and will bury the main fiber optic cable network. Various subcontractors will plow fiber drops to the customer premise, install new ONTs, splice the fiber optic cables, and activate service within the customer homes and businesses.

Construction will begin in April and continue for approximately 90 days. Customers will be notified by postcard before the contractors begin digging on your property. Our crews will work hard to minimize any disturbance to your landscaping. LPC Tel Co expects minimal to no disruption of your telephone and Internet service while we build the fiber optic network.

LPC Telephone Co's technicians continue to visit the remaining homes and businesses in La Porte City to determine where the inside and outside equipment needs to be installed once the fiber optic network is constructed.

Please call 342-3369 if you have received a doorhanger and have not scheduled an appointment. Home visits are a vital part of the process which will enable us to upgrade your service in a timely manner. We appreciate your cooperation!

Watch the local newspaper or visit our website at www.lpctel.com for information regarding the fiber-to-the-home construction progress.

April is Safe Digging Month in Iowa

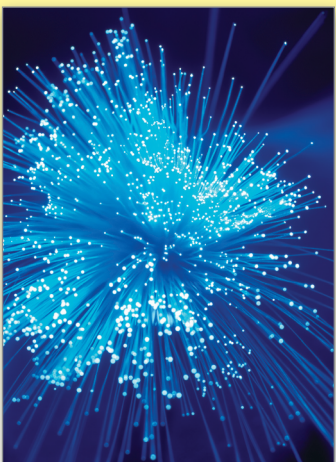
April marks the start of spring digging season, so Iowa One Call, Common Ground Iowa (CGI) and Governor Branstad are encouraging homeowners to call 811 before they dig to prevent injuries and property damage. Failure to call before digging results in Americans unintentionally hitting underground utility lines more than 200,000 times annually, which can lead to injury, penalties, repair costs, and inconvenient outages.

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Fiber-to-the-Home will be essential for:

- Enabling La Porte City to compete more effectively in the global economy by increasing productivity and e-commerce opportunities for local businesses
- Recruiting new businesses, and hence new jobs. Businesses looking to relocate will see the fiber optic as a compelling asset
- Making it possible for people to work from home. Telecommuting saves travel time and money and enables people to live and raise their children in communities they prefer
- Enhancing quality of life via online entertainment, education, culture, and e-commerce
- Gaining access to state-of-the-art science through telemedicine and telehealth resources

Fiber Optic Network Picture Page

Construction of the fiber-to-the-home network is well under way in La Porte City. Many customers have questions about the construction process and the new equipment being installed. We appreciate the interest everyone has shown and hope the photos below will help you better understand various stages in constructing the fiber optic network.



Directional Bore

A directional bore is used to install the underground conduit which will contain the main fiber optic cables for the new fiber network. The conduit is buried 36-40 inches below the soil surface. There will be as many as three directional bore crews working on the project in different areas of the city.



Fiber Pedestal

Pictured to the left is where a directional bore placed the first length of conduit which is connected to a fiber pedestal. This is the distribution point for the fiber optic cables delivering service to each home or business within a neighborhood.



Orange Conduit

A stub of conduit containing the main fiber optic cable is shown here. A handhole or pedestal will be installed at the site of the conduit stubs. Next, crews burying drops to homes and businesses will connect to the pedestal and bring a single fiber optic strand to each home and business.



Drop Crew

A construction crew is burying fiber optic cable to a home. The conduit for the fiber optic cable drops is buried at 18-24 inches deep. The crews take great care to bore under driveways, sidewalks, and avoid disturbing each home's landscaping.



Conduit Fiber Drop

Shown here is a completed fiber "drop" to a home. Electronics crews will return once the fiber optic construction is completed and install the ONTs (Optical Network Terminal) on the end of the conduit.



Grass Seed

A clean-up crew is repairing an area disturbed by constructing the main fiber optic cable. Black dirt is raked over the area and a grass seed mixture is sprayed onto the soil.

FIBER NETWORK CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE >>>

APRIL

- ✓ Finish home visits in La Porte City
- ✓ Resume fiber optic network construction of the main line near the Central Office
- ✓ Begin burying drops to homes in La Porte City

MAY

- ✓ Finish construction of the main line
- ✓ Continue to bury drops to the homes in La Porte City

JUNE

- ✓ Finish outside fiber optic network construction in La Porte City
- ✓ Begin installing equipment inside homes and businesses

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