

# Co-op Connection

Hamilton County Telephone Co-op  
August 2023



*to unwanted telemarketing calls.*

Are you tired of those unwanted telemarketing calls? Then get your number on the National Do Not Call Registry List. It's easy, here's how:

1) Call 1-888-382-1222. Choose your language (English = 1; Spanish = 2). To add your number to the registry, press 1. When prompted, enter your 10-digit telephone number.

OR

2) Go to [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov); click on Register Now button and enter telephone information.



Register Your Phone



Verify Your Registration



Report Unwanted Calls

The National Do Not Call Registry gives you a choice about whether to receive telemarketing calls at home. Most telemarketers should not call your number once it has been on the registry for 31 days. If they do, you can file a complaint at this website. You can register your home or mobile phone for free.

There are a few calls however, that are not protected by the Do Not Call Registry. Political organizations, charities, debt collectors and surveys are a few callers that are still permitted.

To report unwanted calls, visit [donotcall.gov](http://donotcall.gov). If you've lost money to a phone scam, or if you have information about the company or scammer who called you, report it at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](http://ReportFraud.ftc.gov). You will be asked to report the number that received the call, the number that appears on your caller ID - even if you think it might be spoofed or faked - and any number you're told to call back. Also, they will ask for the exact date and time of the call, if you are able to.

Once you add your number, it can take up to 31 days for sales calls to stop. Your registration will NEVER expire. The only reason your number will be removed from the Registry is if it's disconnected, reassigned, or if you ask to remove it. You can also add your cellular phone number to the Do Not Call Registry. Companies can call you if you've recently done business with them, or if you've given them written permission to call. However, if you ask them to not call you, they are required to stop. Robocalls are not permitted.

## DOES NOT STOP CALLS FROM:



- Political Organizations
- Charities
- Debt Collectors
- Informational Calls
- People Taking Surveys

## Calendar of Events:

Aug 10 - Hamilton Co Unit #10  
Return to School

Aug 19 - 26 - Hamilton Co Fair

Sept 5 - Labor Day  
(Co-op Office CLOSED)



## 2023 HamCo Fair Events

Aug 19 - Whippoorwill Rodeo 7 pm

Aug 20 - Mud Bog 3 pm

Aug 25 - ITPA Tractor Pull 7 pm

Aug 26 - Demolition Derby 7 pm



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Mon - Fri / 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

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## Back to School Time!

It may be time for you to evaluate your internet needs. Today's learning environment requires a lot of time spent on and interacting through technology at school. This means there will also be assignments at home that require them to login to websites, applications to complete homework, or even online projects. If you feel like your internet is running slow, it may be time to move to a faster plan. Call our office at any time to determine if your plan best fits your needs.

Now, with our Command IQ App with our Managed Wi-Fi, it is easier than ever to determine the plan that best fits your household. The App also allows you to see firsthand what devices are utilizing bandwidth, the signal strength of each device, and so much more!

## Email Scams

Email scams seem to be at an all time high. Did you know the Better Business Bureau has a Scam Tracker? You can search your scam to see if it has been previously reported and identified as a scam OR you can report your scams online at <https://www.bbb.org/scamtracker>. Your reports warn others so they can avoid similiar scams.



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### Pay your bill online:

<https://hcc.smarthub.coop>

### Pay your bill by phone:

1-855-386-9912

# Win \$15 Off Your Bill

Complete the following questionnaire, cut out this section and mail the completed form by August 10, 2023. Your name will be placed in a drawing for \$15 off your telephone bill with HCTC. There will be two winners in August.

1. Name one event happening in August: \_\_\_\_\_
2. What number can you call for the Do Not Call Registry? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Where can you report potential scams? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name one thing that you like or is important to you about our Co-op: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

*Congratulations to July's Winners: Cheryl Stephens, Henry Hall, and Jason & Elizabeth Frazier.*

**Check out our website at [www.hamiltoncom.net](http://www.hamiltoncom.net)  
for more information about the Co-op.**