



“Reducing Your Telecommunication Expenses”

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This brings up the topic of telephone service. If you work from home, and you spend a large amount of time at home, and you don't necessarily have to own a cell phone for any reason, you can take advantage of an Internet phone and realize a tremendous savings. Internet phone services have become more popular because you can avoid the high cost of your local phone company. To give you an idea of the economical rates you can achieve at a popular Internet phone service provider, a monthly subscription for unlimited calls to anywhere in the US and Canada is under \$2 per month. And the cost for unlimited calls to anywhere in the world is under nine Euros per month.

If you are planning to throw out your traditional phone service and embrace this new technology, here is the decision you will have to make. If you only need telephone service when your computer is turned on, you can get a low-cost USB headset and use that for receiving and making phone calls. If you need a full functioning phone that works without a computer (you still need the Internet connection), then you will need to buy an Internet phone, which currently costs between \$100 and \$200.

You can also save on cable TV expenses. If you have cable, you can downgrade your cable package to the basic package and save a lot of money. You are still paying all the hidden taxes and fees, but you won't be wasting money on all those extra channels, especially if you don't spend a lot of time watching them.