



### **“Tips on Lowering Your Communication Expenses”**

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Communications and entertainment expenses are a large monthly expense for almost everyone these days. This is partially due to the increasing need to stay “connected.” It seems like everyone has a cell phone to text messages and send photos to friends and twitter and tweet everything that is happening around them. But if they are not careful, they end up paying a hefty price for all of this extra transferring of data.

Many people have a high-speed Internet connection that comes with their cable TV signal. These connections usually cost a lot more than a dialup Internet connection. If you don’t need the extra bandwidth, you can realize a significant savings by downgrading to a dialup connection, especially if you are already paying for a telephone line. The drawback is that the Internet takes over the phone line while you are online and people cannot call you. There are ways around this where you can get a signal and still take the phone call, but they can be difficult to manage.

You can also save on your cable TV expense by cutting down to the basic package. Instead of having hundreds of channels, you can subscribe to an online movie rental service. You can get most of your news from the Internet these days, so many people don’t even watch the local channels anymore, and you don’t really need them. The cable TV packages are overburdened by a tremendous amount of government taxes and useless channels, and you can get rid of all of it by dumping your cable TV service completely.