# WHAT SPEED DO I NEED?

## Consider the following when searching for the best internet speed for your home:

1. **How many people are in your home?**
2. **How many internet-connected devices are in your home?** (Be sure to count devices beyond your laptops, computers and printers. Think smart TVs, speakers, thermostats, security cameras, doorbells, etc.)
3. **What activities are those devices managing?** Is it streaming movies, TV or music, gaming, video chatting, working from home, or uploading large files?
4. **How many of these activities are occurring at once?** (Your bandwidth, or internet "pipe," is not shared with your neighbors, but it is shared within the home.)
5. **Would you like to avoid buffering and long wait times for downloads and uploads?**

The more people and devices you have — and have running all at once — more speed and bandwidth you need.

## Now consider how quickly you like to get things done.

See the chart below for examples of common activities and how fast they happen based on the internet speed.

| INTERNET USE | | 250 MBPS | 1000MBPS (1 GIG) | 2000 MBPS (2 GIG) |
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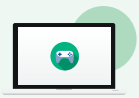
| **HD Movie (3.5 Gb)** | | **1 Min 52 Sec** You've got time to grab a quick drink and some treats. | **28 Sec** Quick! Grab the family! | **14 Sec** That's faster than you can pop popcorn! |
| **100 Songs (100 Mb)** | | **3.2 Sec** It's fast. | **0.8 Sec** It's super fast! | **0.4 Sec** It's done before you can say play! |
| **500 Photos (500 Mb)** | | **16 Sec** Faster than you can take a selfie. | **4 Sec** Four times faster! | **2 Sec** Blink and you'll miss it. |
| **Gaming (10 Gb)** |  | **5 min 20 sec** Time to size up your opponents and plan your strategy. | **1 Min 20 Sec** Enough time to grab drinks and snacks to keep you going. | **40 Sec** Boom. Let's do this. |

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