



The Benefits of Going Wireless!

The benefits of wireless networks are both short- and long-term including:

- **Convenience:** All notebook computers and many mobile phones today come equipped with the WiFi technology required to connect directly to a wireless LAN. Employees can securely access network resources from any location within the coverage area. A coverage area is typically the facility, although it can stretch to include more than one building.
- **Mobility:** Employees can stay connected to the network even when they're not at their desks. People in meetings can access documents and applications. Salespeople can check the network for important details from any location.
- **Productivity:** Access to information and the company's key applications helps staff get the job done and encourages collaboration. Visitors (such as customers, contractors or vendors) can have secure guest access to the Internet and their business data.
- **Ease of setup:** When you don't have to run physical cables through a location, installation can be quick and cost-effective. Wireless LANs also make it easier to bring network connectivity to hard-to-reach locations, such as a warehouse or factory floor.
- **Scalability:** As business operations grow, companies may need to quickly expand their network. Wireless networks can typically expand with existing equipment, while a wired network might require additional wiring.
- **Security:** Controlling and managing access to your wireless network is important to its success. Advances in WiFi technology provide robust security protections so data is easily available to only the people you allow access.
- **Cost:** It can cost less to operate a wireless LAN, which eliminates or reduces wiring costs during office moves, reconfigurations, or expansion