

Starlink Offers Rural Internet

The brainchild of billionaire Elon Musk, Starlink aims to bring fast and affordable satellite internet worldwide. This high-speed, low-latency broadband internet service is designed to work in rural or remote areas without DSL, cable, or fiber optic internet.

Most satellite internet services are based around single satellites that orbit about 22,000 miles above the planet. In contrast, Starlink consists of multiple satellites orbiting just 240 miles up. This lower orbit allows for faster data travel with minimal signal delay.

Starlink offers access to essential online services in rural communities where they might otherwise not be available. This can include remote learning, virtual doctor's visits, and communication options in cases of emergencies.

Pricing starts at \$110 per month and requires a one-time \$599 equipment fee. For that, you'll get unlimited data (a rarity in many rural settings) with speeds ranging from 50-250 Mbps.

Each Starlink kit includes all the supplies necessary for getting online, including your Starlink, Wi-Fi router, cables, and base. The service can be paused or unpaused at any time.

Those with a more mobile lifestyle can take advantage of Starlink RV. For an additional



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\$25 per month, you get remote coverage that isn't location-dependent. However, the service isn't set up to work while moving so you can't browse the internet while driving.

Starlink's coverage is continuously expanding but remains focused on remote regions of the United States. Look through the Starlink Service Map (www.starlink.com/map) to check if your area has coverage.

Go to www.starlink.com for more information.



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He Braids Used Twine Into Tow Ropes

Instead of throwing away the plastic twine removed from big round bales, Corky White braids it into heavy-duty tow ropes. At about 1 in. dia., the rope is sturdy enough to tow a pickup, ATV, downed trees, and other items around his Texas farm.

White remembered how his grandfather braided sisal twine removed from square bales and decided plastic twine could be just as useful. He starts with 36 strands of twine that are about 15 to 18 ft. long when they come off big bales. He braids three sets of four strands, then braids the three braids together. He creates a loop that will easily fit over a 2-in. ball hitch, before doubling back with seven to 10 braids.

"The other end is tricky," White admits. He varies the length of the three braids and weaves them in at different locations on the rope to keep it even in size.

Considering each strand is rated at 110 lbs. the finished rope can easily handle a lot of weight.

"I used the first (6 ft.) ones for tying gates and holding them up," White says, noting he keeps a longer 10-ft. tow rope wrapped around his 4-wheeler rack.

Over the past couple of years, it's been used often.

Managing the unruly plastic twine takes practice and 1 1/2 to 2 hours to make a tow rope. But the rope is strong and works well, and it prevents twine from going to the landfill.

"My wife says it's a cheap hobby that keeps me out of trouble," White says.

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An Easy Way To Move Garbage Bins

The Garbage Commander is a garbage-hook system that allows you to safely move garbage cans.

Kurt Marling had a long, steep driveway and found that getting the garbage cans to the end of the driveway on pickup day was too much work.

"He would either have to lift the cans onto a trailer or try to bungee the handle around the ball of a receiver hitch to get them out," son David says.

The Garbage Commander features four different garbage hook mounting styles: bolt mounted, receiver mounted, bumper mounted, and ball mounted.

It works with many different types of vehicles including ATVs, UTVs, passenger vehicles, golf carts, trucks, and SUVs.

"These things are durable," Marling says. "We make them out of 11-ga. steel and they're powder-coated to withstand the weather. Everything is made in America, right here in Janesville, Wis."

"Every big, wheeled trash can has a lift bar in the front," Marlin says. "One end of the coupler clips around that, and the other clips around the handle of the next garbage can."

When using the coupler, it's important to use the company's Hold Down straps or PTO clips for safety.

Most garbage cans today are 60 to 90 gals., and the Garbage Commander is specifically designed for those sizes. "However, we have found that it works with smaller cans too," Marling says. "If you're using the Coupler, make sure the smallest can is at the end of the line."

All of the company's products are available for sale on its website. The receiver-mounted hooks range from \$105 to \$150, while the ball-mounted hooks cost between \$45 and \$115. The bumper-mounted hooks are \$105 to \$125, and the Can Coupler is \$45.

They offer a combo hitch that is a ball-conversion tool allowing you to haul both pin-hitched or handled lawn and garden equipment without removing the hitch. The Universal Implement Hook Ball Mount is only \$45.

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PowerFold Deck Makes Maintenance Easy

Grasshopper mowers recently introduced the PowerFold® FrontMount deck. Family-owned for six decades, Grasshopper specializes in zero-turn riding mowers.

Grasshopper mowers are constructed from robotically welded, high-grade tubular steel exoSkeletal™ frames that are reinforced with I-beams. They're then completed with a fusion-bonded, chip and rust-resistant powder-coat finish.

The PowerFold® system lifts the front-mounted deck at the flip of a switch. This gives you quick access to the deck's underside for maintenance and repairs, as well as easier installation and removal of mulching packages. Folding the deck also decreases the size of the unit, making for space-efficient storage.

The PowerFold® comes standard on all Grasshopper mowers with 48, 52, 61 and 72-in. front-mount decks. When folded,

the mowers are just 78 in. long. Controls mounted on the armrest let you control the height selection, making it possible to make an infinite range of adjustments from 1 to 4 1/2 in. without getting off the mower.

Grasshopper's MidMount™ mower decks let you change how you mow without switching decks, making it easier to go from standard side-discharge to Discharge™ mulching or PowerVac™ collection with the same deck. The deep deck design also enhances airflow to provide a better cut without causing you to lose time on repairs. In this way, the mower decks are made for strength and durability with minimal maintenance requirements.

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