

## ***Acceptable Use Policy for*** **Garden Valley Telephone Company Internet Service**

### **Introduction**

The Garden Valley Telephone Company Internet network is available to all business, academic, governmental, and private subscribers for a reasonable fee.

The Garden Valley Telephone Company network uses a combination of communications transmission and specialized switching equipment to provide a high speed, wide area communications network service that provides inter-organizational connectivity for its subscribers to other regional, state, national, and international networks.

### **General Policy**

All information transiting the Garden Valley Telephone Company network is unrestricted unless it is listed as unacceptable under this policy.

It is the policy of Garden Valley Telephone Company to provide its subscribers electronic access to the broadest possible number of organizations connected to the Internet. This is accomplished through connectivity to one or more state, multi-state, regional, or national backbone networks. All information that exists on the Garden Valley Telephone Company network and traverses the numerous other networks to which Garden Valley Telephone Company is directly and indirectly connected, must conform to the *acceptable use* policies governing those networks.

### **Private Policy**

It is the responsibility of all individual subscribers or subscriber organizations to:

Respect the privacy of other users, and not to seek information pertaining to other users without their explicit permission. This includes but is not limited to personal data, passwords, access to confidential files, or modification of files belonging to other users.

Use the network service in a manner that is consistent with ethical practice and accepted community standards.

### **Copyright Policy**

It is the responsibility of all individual subscribers or subscriber organizations to respect the legal protection provided by copyright and license to programs, data, and other information that may be accessible over the Garden Valley Telephone Company

### **Unacceptable Use Policy**

It is not acceptable to use the Garden Valley Telephone Company network services or facilities for any purpose:

Which would violate any applicable laws or regulations.

Where the meaning of the message or the content of a file would likely be highly offensive of the recipient or recipients.

Which makes unauthorized entry into other computational, information storage, or communications devices or resources.

Which propagates computer worms, viruses, or transmissions of any type which cause disruption to disable or otherwise impede the recipient's facilities or equipment.

To make distribution of unsolicited advertising.

Which causes disruption of service due to facilities overload ( flaming ).

**Responsibility**

All users of the Garden Valley Telephone Company network, whether organizations or individuals, are responsible for publicizing this *Acceptable Use Policy* at their locations.

The ultimate responsibility for assuring the *acceptability of use* according to this policy is with the individual end-user who originates the communication.

**Enforcement**

Garden Valley Telephone Company will review alleged violations of this policy on a case-by-case basis. A violation may result in denying the user access to the network, termination of access to all services, and forfeiture of all fees paid.

Evidence of illegal activities will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

**Policy Modifications**

Garden Valley Telephone Company reserves the right to modify this policy at any time. Subscribers will receive prompt notification of all changes.

**Information**

Questions related to this *Acceptable Use Policy* should be addressed to:

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*Garden Valley Telephone Company 201 Ross Ave*  
*Erskine MN 56535*

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