

# THE INSIDER

VISIT US ON THE WEB  
www.rtc.net

**CONTACT**

**RTI - Corporate**

892 W. Madison Ave.  
Glenns Ferry, ID 83623  
Phone: 888.366.7821  
Tech Support: 888.871.8906  
Office Hours: Monday-Friday  
8 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-5 p.m.  
www.rtc.net

**RTI - Nehalem Telecom**

35790 7th St.  
Nehalem, OR 97131  
Phone: 800.350.5036  
Tech Support: 503.368.9595  
Office Hours: Monday-Friday  
8 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-5 p.m.  
www.nehalemtele.com

**RTI - Pend Oreille Telecom**

322 Main St.  
Lone, WA 99139  
Phone:  
509.442.0082, 888.636.2840  
Tech Support: 866.698.0932  
Office Hours: Monday-Friday  
10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
www.potc.net

**WAVE WINNER**

Congratulations to Ben Thurman from Lone Washington for finding the waves in our last issue.

**WISHING YOU A SEASON OF SWEET SMILES**

All of us at RTI hope your holiday season is a jolly one. Be sure to save all the details that make this time of year so fun! Thanks for choosing us as your communications provider in 2017. You make us smile.



**Get an iPhone 7 for \$9.99 per month for the first 12 months**

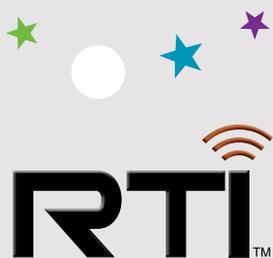
**FEATURES INCLUDE:**

- Splash, water, and dust resistant
- Dual-domain pixels for wide viewing angles
- 4.7-inch (diagonal) Retina HD display

Choose an Unlimited Plan with all data, text and voice or an Individual Plan or Family Plan.

**FOR DETAILS ON THIS JOLLY GOOD HOLIDAY OFFER, CALL YOUR LOCAL RTI OFFICE.**

Idaho and Nevada: 1.888.366.7821, Oregon: 1.800.350.5036, and Washington: 1.888.636.2840



**P2**

RTI - Corporate

**P3**

RTI - Nehalem Telecom

**P4**

RTI - Pend Oreille Telecom



### LOOK AT YOUR PICTURE TAKING FROM A NEW ANGLE

If you usually just line up your family members in front of the Christmas tree after presents are opened with a quick “Smile and say cheese,” you may want to shake things up a bit. Try these more creative approaches to picture taking:

- **Shoot moments, not poses.** Be more discreet when you take photos, and try to capture people being themselves—talking, laughing, and so on.
- **Don’t forget the preparation stage.** The activities that happen before the big holiday gathering begins can make for interesting photos, such as food preparation, putting up decorations, and wrapping presents.
- **Move around.** Experiment with taking photos from different places and different angles. Stand on a chair to get a bird’s-eye view. Or get down on the floor and shoot up at the scene.

With that said, it’s also important to know when to put your camera or smartphone down. There’s a time for picture taking and a time to simply focus on being with friends and family.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### November

**24th:** RTI office is closed for Thanksgiving.

#### December

**7th-9th:** Annual Charles Dickens Festival

**18th-22nd:** Chamber Christmas Decorate the Town

**25th:** Merry Christmas! RTI office is closed.

#### January

**1st:** Happy New Year! RTI office is closed.



# How to Protect Your Home During the Holidays

While you certainly need to protect your home all year long, the holiday season brings with it added security challenges. Thefts tend to spike during November and December because burglars know houses will likely contain valuable gifts.

**To help keep your home secure, follow these tips:**

### Be Wary of Door-to-Door Donation Seekers

People may show up at your door during the holiday season seeking donations for charitable causes.

Unfortunately, you can’t always be sure whether these individuals are legitimate. They could be scammers trying to take advantage of your holiday spirit to get money from you, or they could be burglars “casing the joint.”

### Watch What You Post on Social Media

Potential burglars may be watching your social media posts, so don’t announce what you just purchased for holiday gifts or mention when you’re leaving for a trip.

### Don’t Run External Light Cords Through Windows

If you do this, it leaves a little open space that burglars could use to pry their way into your home. Make sure all your windows and doors are secure and locked.

### Keep Your Home Well Lit

Burglars prefer to operate under the protection of darkness to commit their crimes without being detected. Make your home a less desirable target by keeping the exterior well lit. Consider using floodlights or motion-activated lighting in addition to your festive holiday lights.

### Be Careful When Disposing Boxes

After the gifts have been opened, be discreet with how you put the empty boxes out for garbage pickup. You don’t want to advertise the fact your family is enjoying a new 70-inch TV by placing the box by the curb! Instead, fold or cut up the box and put it inside a garbage bag.

**RTI wants you to have a safe and happy holiday season. We encourage you to take these steps to protect your home.**



# Why Talking on the Phone Can Be Better Than Texting

Despite the convenience of texting, certain situations simply call for a phone call. If you're texting more than calling these days, you may want to reconsider after reviewing these phone call advantages:

## You hear the tone of voice for more straightforward communication.

During a phone call, it's usually easy to determine the other person's mood or intent based upon the way the words are spoken. Text messages, by contrast, often become guessing games. Is he serious or joking? What does that emoji mean? This can lead to miscommunication and hurt feelings.

## A phone call is more personal.

There's something about hearing the voice of someone you care about that can't be replicated in written form. Think about it: Would you rather hear the sound of someone's laughter or read "Ha, ha, ha" in a text? When you're on a call, it feels more like being in the same room together.

## The conversation has a definite end.

There's no ambiguity with a phone call. When the conversation is over, the call ends. But with texting, the conversation may meander on for hours with unpredictable stops and starts.



## TAKE A SHOT AT OUR DIRECTORY PHOTO CONTEST

Get your cameras out, Nehalem customers! It's time to shoot those fantastic photos for our 2017-2018 Directory Photo Contest. We'll be picking the winning photo in January. If it's yours, that photo will appear on the cover of our next phone directory and you'll receive a \$50 Visa gift card.



### Here are the requirements:

- You must be a customer of RTI Nehalem to participate.
- Photo must be high quality.
- Five-photo maximum per household.
- Email photo files with your name and phone number to [angela2766@gmail.com](mailto:angela2766@gmail.com)

Follow us on Instagram and see all the photos in one place. Go to [#rtitelcom](https://www.instagram.com/rtitelcom).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### November

**24th:** RTI office is closed for Thanksgiving.

### December

**2nd:** Community Holiday Dinner at Manzanita Lighthouse. Tickets are \$25 each and available at Nehalem Lumber or Mirror Images.

**2nd:** Christmas Bazaar and Clam Chowder/Pie Luncheon at Nehalem Bay United Methodist Church. 10-4 p.m.

**2nd:** Holiday's Farmer Market at White Clover Grange, 10-3 p.m. Hot lunch available 11-2 p.m.

**21st:** First day of winter

**25th:** Christmas Day-RTI Closed

### January

**1st:** NCRD presents "Doubt," 7-9 p.m.

**1st:** Polar Plunge in Manzanita

**1st:** Happy New Year!

RTI office is closed.

**16th:** Mornings on Main Street: Chamber informal meeting, 8-9 a.m.





### 5 ECO-FRIENDLY ALTERNATIVES TO TRADITIONAL GIFTWRAP

For decades, we've relied on store-bought paper gift-wrap that can be pricey and eventually ends up in the landfill. To reduce waste, consider switching to recycled or reusable materials.

1. Fabric is the ideal reusable material for wrapping gifts. It can be knotted, pinned, or tied with a ribbon. Look around your house for festive pillowcases, sheets, kitchen towels, and tablecloths. You can also buy inexpensive holiday fabrics.
2. Clay pots come in all sizes and can be decorated with paint or markers. Simply invert the dish for catching water and use it as a lid.
3. Old maps are relatively large sheets of paper that are already colorful in their own right.
4. Store shopping bags often have cool designs. Hide the store name on the bag with holiday labels or stickers.
5. Children's artwork makes sentimental, one-of-a-kind wrapping paper, especially for grandparents.

**Another eco-friendly idea is switching to our paperless e-Billing. Learn more at [www.potc.net](http://www.potc.net).**



## Choosing Between a Tablet, Laptop, or Desktop

Tech experts generally agree that a computer should be replaced after three to five years. If a computer purchase is coming up for you, one big question is what form should it take—tablet, laptop, or desktop? To make the best choice, check out each one's main advantages and think about whether they fit your needs.

### Tablets

- **Simple to use** – You navigate through all your content by just tapping, swiping, flicking, and pinching your fingertips.
- **Very portable** – Tablets are small, thin, and light, so they easily fit in a backpack or purse.
- **Work best for reading** – You may prefer a tablet if you read a lot of e-books, digital magazines, and newspapers.

### Laptops

- **A physical keyboard** – Do you write a lot? A laptop's physical keyboard will allow you to work more quickly and accurately than a tablet's on-screen keyboard.
- **More screen real estate than tablets** – Most laptops are 14 or 15 inches, compared to a 7- to 10-inch tablet. But they're still small enough to be portable.
- **More storage** – Laptops tend to have 10 times the storage capacity of a tablet, and their USB and SD card ports make it easy to get files on and off the computer.

### Desktops

- **Less prone to damage** – Since they're designed for stationary use, desktops won't be dropped or banged around in a backpack or purse like a laptop or tablet.
- **Largest screens** – Desktops can have screens up to 30 inches, making them ideal for watching movies or playing video games. They also work better for multitasking, as you can have multiple windows open at the same time.
- **Great as a family computer** – Parents with young kids might consider a desktop in a central location in the home so they can keep an eye on where children go online and with whom they're communicating.