

Goal 2 - Infrastructure: Telecommunications and High Speed Internet

High Speed Internet:

New York State is committed to 100% availability for high speed internet. Because of Middlefield's terrain this may not be completely attainable, with some pockets without or with slower services. Service providers are continually updating their usage maps and terms.

A variety of **service providers** are available to residents of Middlefield. The following website provides a list of High Speed Internet service providers and a map of coverage.

<https://ispreports.org/internet-service-providers-otsego-county-ny/>

Financial help for high speed service is available to seniors and low income families. To check for available programs, service providers who participate and how to apply, see:

ConnectALL:

<https://broadband.ny.gov/consumer-resources#:~:text=Does%20my%20household%20qualify?,Affordability%20benefit%20from%20a%20utility>

Telecommunications:

Currently, mobile phone access is spotty throughout Middlefield. Since the enactment of the Middlefield Telecommunication Facilities Law of 2002, mobile phones have become widespread, replacing landlines in many cases, and critical to local emergency services.

https://www.middlefieldny.org/uploads/1/2/6/8/12682437/telecommunications_facilities_act.pdf

As part of the inventory and update of the Middlefield Comprehensive Plan update, Middlefield has committed to reviewing the Law and updating it, allowing additional towers in appropriate areas to facilitate better and more saturated coverage for local residents and emergency services.