

News Release

Mansfield, Ohio Embraces the Future with Brightspeed's Ultra-Fast Fiber Internet

Company's multi-million-dollar investment will provide high-speed internet to communities across Richland County

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — March 28, 2024 — Brightspeed, the nation's fourth largest fiber broadband builder focused on empowering more homes with ultrafast, reliable internet, is connecting even more homes and businesses in and around Mansfield, OH and surrounding Richland County communities. When construction is completed, nearly 24,000 families and small businesses will have access to Brightspeed's new, state-of-the-art fiber network.

Brightspeed's high-speed internet is already available to more than 10,000 homes and businesses, and construction is currently underway to connect another 260 locations across Mansfield, with thousands more connections planned in Trimble and Ontario.

What to Expect During Construction

Families and businesses will soon start to see more Brightspeed trucks in their local neighborhoods as crews work to bring families and businesses online. Brightspeed's highest priority is working quickly and efficiently within local communities, keeping safety at the forefront.

Customers can check for fiber availability in their area by visiting www.brightspeed.com/brightspeed-fiber-internet/ and sign up to receive alerts when service is available at their location.

Richland County is Getting the Best in Broadband

The Brightspeed Fiber Internet network leverages the latest XGS-PON (10-Gigabit Symmetric Passive Optical Network) technology to bring boosted gig-speed capabilities and consistent responsiveness that enable multi-device households to connect, work, study, stream, communicate and game efficiently and reliably in Mansfield and its surrounding areas.

Brightspeed Fiber is More Than Just Internet

Put simply, high-speed internet equals opportunity for households and businesses alike, and access to fast, reliable and affordable internet and Wi-Fi will help close the rural-urban digital divide. That's why Brightspeed is building its smart, fiber optics-based network in communities like Mansfield — so residents and business owners have the reliable connectivity they need to work, learn, play and thrive.

Brightspeed is already investing \$2 billion in deploying next-generation fiber-optic technology to build a more reliable, super-fast broadband internet network that will reach more than three million homes and businesses across 20 states. Additionally, Brightspeed is pursuing state and federal funding to augment its current fiber network build plan in Ohio to help close the digital divide across the state's counties.

About Brightspeed

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C. and with assets and associated operations in 20 states, Brightspeed provides broadband and telecommunications services through a network platform capable of serving more than 6.5 million homes and businesses. Our more than 4,000 employees are committed to building a future where more communities benefit from a more connected life, deploying a state-of-the-art fiber network and a customer experience that makes being connected as simple as it should be. For more information, please visit www.brightspeed.com.

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