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# MIDTEL NET

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Dear Internet Subscriber:

Thank you for your interest in MIDTEL NET's local access Internet service. Our goal is to provide local Internet service using the latest technology that has quick connections, dependable access, and reliable customer service, all at an affordable rate.

Enclosed, please find the step by step instructions we have provided to connect to MIDTEL NET. If you have any problems connecting after following these steps, please go through each step again. If you continue to experience difficulty, please contact our technical support line at 296-HELP (4357) or toll-free 1-877-435-7966. Support is available 24 hours a day.

Now to the good stuff... please follow the steps below to get online with MIDTEL NET.

1. Complete the enclosed Internet Subscription Form and fax (827-7600), bring, or mail it to our business office in Middleburgh. (Corner of Cliff St. & Wells Ave., PO Box 191, Middleburgh NY, 12122)
2. After your account has been promptly activated, follow the procedures on the enclosed Instruction pages to configure your PC for access to MIDTEL NET. Be sure to complete the following setups; "Creating Your New MIDTEL NET Dialup Connection", "Browser Configuration Settings", "Mail Configuration Settings", and "General E-mail Issues". For web hobbyists, you may want to check out the "Creating WebPages With Your MIDTEL NET Account".

Please note, our instructions have you going to **home.midtel.net** as your startup page. Links to this page allow you to make password changes, check your hourly usage, see up to date MIDTEL NET news, and Only MIDTEL customers can access this page. You can also find technical information and answers to frequently asked questions at our support site at <http://support.midtel.net>.

Once again we thank you for subscribing to MIDTEL NET, and we welcome you to our service. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact us at [info@midtel.net](mailto:info@midtel.net), 827-5211, or 1-(877) 827-5211. Happy Surfing!

**\* Please note, your MIDTEL NET account number will be your telephone number with the first number replaced with a "7". For example, 827-5211 would be 727-5211.**

**Our goal is not to be the area's Biggest Internet Service Provider; it is to be the area's  
\*\*\*\*Best Internet Service Provider!\*\*\*\***

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## **Special Notice of Importance for your Protection**

With increasing frequency, there has been a specific malicious activity occurring on the Internet we feel we should bring your attention to. There are websites that are designed to trick you into making a high rate, long distance telephone call. These websites are designed so that upon pressing a "click" to continue, your modem hangs up, and a call from your modem is placed to an International country to "continue your web surfing or download". This leads to the Internet user being billed for extremely expensive telephone calls without their knowledge, with rates over \$9.00 per minute in some cases.

While most of these sites do provide warnings and explain the charges, they can be inconspicuous or buried in fine print. We advise you to carefully read the WebPages you visit and watch for websites attempting to charge fees for continued browsing and downloading.

We suggest that you contact your local telephone company and get information on Call Restrictions/Call Blocking options that may be available to you. Since many of you have modem-only lines in your homes, generally there is not a need to make anything but local calls from the line. And you will most likely never have the need to make International calls on that line. There may be options that can be programmed into your phone line to not allow these calls to happen. In turn, it may save you from being caught by the above situation.

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Please give us a call if you have any questions regarding this.

Sincerely,

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## MIDTEL.NET Configuration Settings At a Glance

This section provides a look at the required settings for your MIDTEL.NET service. For those who feel comfortable making changes to their Internet Configuration, it is a quick source for setting up MIDTEL.NET.

- ❑ **Username:** 4-8 positions, **all lower case**, characters and numbers allowed
- ❑ **Password:** 4-8 positions, **all lower case**, characters and numbers allowed
- ❑ **Access Number:** 296-4638 [if dialing from 287, 295, 296, 827, and 868]  
255-4000 [if dialing from 234, 254, 284, and 294]  
322-4000 [if dialing from 872, 875, Capital District]

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- ❑ **E-mail Address:** username@midtel.net; where username is your dialup username referenced above.
- ❑ **Outgoing Mail Server (SMTP):** mail.midtel.net
- ❑ **Incoming Mail Server (POP) Mail Server:** pop.midtel.net
- ❑ **Mail Username and Password:** these are the same as your dialup username and password.
- ❑ **Default Home Page:** http://home.midtel.net
- ❑ **Domain Name Server:** Primary: 64.246.130.9  
Please note: These should not be needed except in special conditions.  
Also note: Only one IP is necessary, as this is a load balanced, fault-tolerant IP Address.

## Windows 95, 98 and WinME Instructions

### Creating Your New MIDTEL.NET Dialup Connection

- ❑ Step 1 - Double Click on the “My Computer” Desktop Icon
- ❑ Step 2 - Double Click on “Dial-Up Networking”  
Note: If using WinME you must first Double Click “Control Panel” and then Double Click “Dial-up Networking.”
- ❑ Step 3 - Double Click on the “Make a New Connection” Icon
- ❑ Step 4 - In the “Type a name for the computer....” box type: **MIDTEL.NET**
- ❑ Step 5 - Press the “Next” Button
- ❑ Step 6 - Check to be sure the “Area Code” box has: **518**
- ❑ Step 7 - In the “Telephone Number:” box type: **296-4638 [dialing from 287,295,296,827,868]  
255-4000 [dialing from 234,254,284,294]  
322-4000 [dialing from 872,875,  
Capital District]**

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- ❑ Step 8 - Press the “Next” Button
- ❑ Step 9 - Press the “Finish” Button
- ❑ Step 10 - In the Dial-Up Networking Window, your new MIDTEL.NET Icon should appear.
- ❑ Step 11 - Touch this icon with the mouse **ONCE**, making it turn blue
- ❑ Step 12 - Choose File.....Properties from the Dial-Up Networking Window
- ❑ Step 13 – You will be presented with the “General” tab. **Uncheck** the “Use Country Code and Area Code” box.
- ❑ Step 14 - Select the “Server type” tab with the mouse.  
Note: For WinMe this tab is called “Networking.”
- ❑ Step 15 - In the “Advanced Options” area, ensure that **ONLY** the “Enable Software Compression” box **IS** checked.
- ❑ Step 16 - In the “Allowed Network Protocols” area, ensure that **ONLY** the “TCP/IP” box **IS** checked.

- Step 17 - Press the TCP/IP Settings Button and verify/change the following:
- Server assigned IP address **IS** selected
- Server assigned name server addresses **IS** selected
- Use IP Header Compression **IS** selected
- Use Default Gateway on remote Network **IS** selected
- Step 18 - Press OK
- Step 19 - Press OK
- Step 20 - Double click the "MIDTEL.NET" Icon
- Step 21 - Supply your username and password, **using all lower case letters.** Be sure to include the **@midtel.net** in your username, and press the Connect Button.
- You should now be online with your MIDTEL.NET account!
- See additional attached pages for other Configuration issues.

**Note if you have a problem, please try the above steps again. If you continue having difficulty, please contact our Help Desk at 296-4357 (296-HELP) or toll free at 1-877-435-7966. Help via email is available using [support@midtel.net](mailto:support@midtel.net).**

## **Browser Configuration Settings**

- Step 1 - Double Click on the "My Computer" Desktop Icon
- Step 2 - Double Click on the "Control Panel" Icon
- Step 3 - Double Click on the "Internet" Icon  
Note: For WinMe, this is the "Internet Options" Icon.
- Step 4 - Under the "General" Tab, replace the homepage with "http://home.midtel.net". This is an optional step. You can put any webpage you want in here.
- Step 5 - Under the "Connection" Tab, make sure MIDTEL.NET is listed as the default connection and that "always dial my default connection" is checked. If MIDTEL.NET is not listed as the default, then highlight it and press the "set default" button to make it so.
- Step 6 - Highlight MIDTEL.NET by clicking it once with the left mouse.
- Step 7 - Press the "settings" button.
- Step 7 - Enter your username and password in the boxes provided under "dial-up settings."
- Step 8 - Press "OK"
- Step 9 - Press "OK"

Now, whenever you launch your browser, it will "know" to automatically start the MIDTEL.NET dialup connection. Be sure to use your MIDTEL.NET username and password.

**Note: If you do not have a "Internet" Icon in Step 3, a similar panel can be displayed by "right-mouse-clicking" on your browser's Desktop Icon.**

## Mail Configuration Settings

Mail Client software varies greatly from machine to machine. Below lists the information necessary to Send and Receive mail with your MIDTEL.NET account.

- ❑ **E-mail Address:** *username@midtel.net*; this is the same as your dialup username.
- ❑ **Mail Username and Password:** these are the same as your dialup username and password.
- ❑ **Outgoing Mail Server (SMTP):** mail.midtel.net
- ❑ **Incoming Mail Server (POP) Mail Server:** pop.midtel.net
- ❑ **Mail Username and Password:** these are the same as your dialup username and password.
- ❑ If you use a “signature file”, be sure to change any reference to your old email address.
- ❑ Under the “Connection” or “Dialup” settings, be sure to change to your MIDTEL.NET dialup account. This will ensure that if you are just checking your mail, without starting your browser, that you will correctly connect using your MIDTEL.NET account.

## General E-mail Issues

Listed below are general email issues. Please review them and apply them where necessary.

- ❑ Test your email by first sending an email to yourself. Once received, reply to it and ensure that you get this reply.
- ❑ Be sure to email everyone of your contacts and inform them of your e-mail address change. This can be handled with one email, stacking all your contacts in the “TO:” field.
- ❑ Be sure your signature file, if you use one, points to your new MIDTEL.NET email address.
- ❑ If you subscribe to mailing lists or list servers, be sure to follow their procedures for “unsubscribing” from your old email address and “re-subscribing” with your new email address.
- ❑ A common mistake made is not to change what Internet Connection is used by default when you just check your email. (As opposed to running your browser, then checking mail). Your email client will have a setting for this. Be sure that this setting uses your new MIDTEL.NET connection.

## Creating Web Pages with your MIDTELNET Account

- This describes the basic steps of how to access and use the 5MB of storage reserved for your dialup account. You should be familiar with using an FTP Client and creating web pages before attempting this.
  - There are several shareware/freeware FTP clients and tools to create your web pages downloadable from the Internet.
  - To find out more on FTP software and web creation tools, visit <http://support.midtel.net/utilities.html>.
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- Step 1 - Using the FTP Client of your choice sign on to **ftp.midtel.net** using your **MIDTELNET** dialup account name and password. This places you in the root of your home directory.
  - Step 2 - Upload your content; pages, graphics, etc into the Root directory.
  - Step 3 - Be sure your main page is named ***index.html***, otherwise you'll get a listing of objects instead of your homepage in the browser.
  - Step 4 - There are several ways to access your website from the net. Choose which ever one you like:
    - [www.midtel.net/~username](http://www.midtel.net/~username)
    - [www.midtel.net/users/username](http://www.midtel.net/users/username)
    - [users.midtel.net/username](http://users.midtel.net/username)

## Help Desk & Service Information Card

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### Minimum Equipment & Software Requirement

- 486 processor or greater
- Windows 95 or greater
- 16 Mb of RAM memory of greater
- 14.4 Kb/s Speed Modem or greater
- Web Browser and E-Mail Software

To assist you with Internet questions or problems, MIDTEL NET provides you with an experienced Help Desk as part of your Internet service. Please be sure to read the "Acceptable Use Policy" to know what services the Help Desk provides and does not provide. It can be found at : <http://www.midtel.net/aup>

The Help Desk will be answered by a Technical Service Representative 24 hours a day. If the Help Desk staff is serving other customers at the time of your call, your call will be received by Voicemail. The Help Desk will return your call as soon as possible. **When calling, please have the following account information ready:**

1. Your username, password, and name on the account
2. Your computer operating system and version (ie. Windows 95)
3. Amount of system memory, RAM
4. Modem make and model number (internal, external, or PCMCIA)
5. The EXACT error message as it appears on your screen, if any
6. The access number you are dialing (see above)
7. Date and Time of the problem

### Help Desk Hours

24 Hours a Day  
7 Days a Week  
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