



The Town of Malta's Conditions and Terms for Public Use of Computers and Internet

The Town of Malta strives to provide innovative and creative facilities, programs and services designed to meet the diverse needs of the constituents it serves. In keeping with its mission, the Town provides users with access to computers and the Internet to provide educational and information services.

Internet Access Services

The Town provides access to computers and the Internet from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the David R. Meager Malta Community Center. Use of the computers and the Internet is free. Staff members are not available to introduce users to the computer or to Internet searching; users are expected to use the workstations without assistance. The Town does not provide e-mail accounts. In order to access or send e-mail, you will need to have your own personal account. The connection to the Internet is a wireless connection and cannot be guaranteed to be secure. If you are using the Internet for purchasing or if you are providing your name, address, social security number or phone number, you do so at your own risk.

Access

The Internet is a worldwide computer network which provides access to a massive body of information. Not all Internet sources provide accurate, complete or current information and some may contain material of a controversial or mature nature. Although the Town has installed filters on its public computers to filter sites that contain material such as pornography, sexually-oriented materials and obscenity, the Town cannot protect users from information they may find offensive. Visitors access the Internet at their own discretion and are responsible for any Internet sites they reach. **Parents and guardians of minor children, not the Town or staff, are responsible for their children's use of the Internet through the Town's connection.**

Filters

On all public terminals, a filter is installed to block access to controversial or mature material available through the Internet that might be deemed objectionable. The purpose of a filter is to block access to material accessible through the Internet that might be deemed objectionable. It does this by using context sensitive filtering to recognize specific keywords and to block particular Internet sites. Given the nature of how information and sites become accessible through the Internet, the Town cannot, and does not guarantee that the filter will block all material deemed objectionable. **Furthermore, Town staff cannot be responsible for supervising minors while they are using the Internet workstation.** Parents and other guardians of minor children are encouraged to learn about the many benefits and potential problems that may arise as a result of Internet access, and discuss them with their children

Rights and Obligations of Users

Please read these terms carefully. Adults and children over the age 18 agree to these terms as a condition for using Town computers and Internet access. Parents or guardians of children under the age of 18 must sign the Parental Permission Agreement to give permission for their child to use the computers.

I understand that access to the Town of Malta public computers provides access to the Internet. This access is not guaranteed and use of the computers and the Internet is a privilege that may be revoked if abused.

Patrons are prohibited from the following activities due to limited resources and system security:

- Downloading, installing or running software not provided by the Town of Malta.
- Reconfiguring workstations, deleting software or changing the internet browser.
- Tampering with computer equipment. If the equipment is not operating properly please notify a staff person.
- Saving work to hard drives. Saving your work is allowed only when saving to a disk drive.

Parental Permission Agreement

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor child signing below, I have read and agree to the Town of Malta Internet Use Policy. I understand that some material on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept the responsibility and agree to allow my child under 18 years of age to use the Internet. Any child under ten years of age must be supervised by an older member of the family or responsible adult.

I hereby grant permission for my child to access the Internet at the Malta Community Center.

Parent or legal guardian's signature _____

Child's full name _____

Child's Age _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____ Phone number _____

Date _____