

HOW TO DISCONNECT THE LOCAL PHONE COMPANY FROM YOUR HOME PHONE

On the side of your house, next to the electric meter, there is a phone company access box.

There are generally two types of boxes. The newer boxes have two access doors and the older boxes have only one.

New Box

If you have the newer box, simply open the side that says “customer access” and unplug the phone cable from the outlet. This is just like inside your house where you unplug the phone from the wall outlet.

Old Box

If you have the older box you will have to locate the proper wires and either cut them or unbolt them from the terminals.

There are two types of telephone cables (wires). The older type is a 4 wire cable with red, green, black, and yellow wires. The newer type cable has 4 pairs of wires. A blue/white, orange/white, green/white and a brown/white pair.

There will be a cable coming out of the ground and going into the access box. This cable is the telephone company's cable and is **NOT TO BE CUT**. It will look like the cables described above. The cable you want will be coming out of the wall next to the access box. Depending on how your house was wired, there may be more than just one cable. Follow the cable from the wall into the access box and either cut the wires or take them off the terminals in the box. If you have more than one cable coming from the wall, make sure you disconnect them all.

Important warnings:

Do not cut the cables off where they come out of the wall of your house.

If the phone service is still active, (ie: you still have dial tone,) there is a possibility that you will receive an electric shock if you get an incoming call while you are disconnecting or cutting the wires. This is not a lethal shock.