

# **ROGERS NETWORK MANAGEMENT POLICY**

## **Wireline**

Rogers relies on network investments as the primary tool to manage Internet traffic and address potential congestion. We monitor the utilization of the wireline Internet network to maintain the service experience and plan for additional capacity to ensure that our customers continue to receive the broadband speeds they have purchased.

Rogers has mechanisms in place to protect our wireline Internet network from malicious traffic and security threats, such as Denial of Service (DOS) attacks, malware, spam, and fraudulent activity (e.g., modem cloning). We take standard, necessary and reasonable steps to prevent service outages and to ensure that bandwidth usage is optimized efficiently amongst our customers who share the same service node.

In times of emergencies and extreme circumstances, or cases of disproportionate use of the network, Rogers may also apply the following technical Internet traffic management practice (ITMP) to our wireline Internet service:

### **1. What is the ITMP and when will it occur?**

- Rogers' traffic management policy for our retail wireline Internet service comes into effect in the event of significant network congestion as the result of:
  - a) an emergency or extreme circumstance; or
  - b) a customer's activity that restricts, inhibits or degrades other customers' use of the service or Rogers' ability to deliver the service.
- During such instances, Rogers may deploy a traffic management measure to a customer's upload traffic (i.e., from the customer to the Internet) on wireline Internet service plans with a maximum upload speed of 10 Mbps or higher.
- Should a customer engage in a volume of upload activity over a sustained period of time such that this usage negatively impacts, or is likely to negatively impact, the Internet experience for other customers, that customer's maximum upload speed may be temporarily reduced.

### **2. Why the ITMP is applied?**

- Rogers deploys this traffic management measure so that all Rogers Internet customers receive fair access to the Internet. During periods of significant network congestion resulting from emergency or extreme circumstances, or a customer's disproportionate use of the network, this helps to ensure that all of our customers can enjoy a consistent and reliable online experience and preserves the integrity of our network.
- This objective is especially important in times of public emergency that result in greater demands on our network. During such periods, keeping our customers connected to their families, friends and co-workers - and to critical information and services - is essential.

### **3. What type of Internet traffic (e.g., application, class of application, protocol) is subject to the ITMP?**

- No specific application or protocol is specifically targeted through this traffic management policy.
- Only data upload activity described under #1 above may be subject to traffic management. Download traffic is not managed.
- Rogers' traffic management policy is designed to reduce the impact of extreme, data-intensive activity by individuals during a congested period in order to leave resources open for more customers engaging in real-time interactive activities.

### **4. How the ITMP will affect a user's Internet experience, including the specific impact on speeds?**

- If a customer's maximum upload speed is temporarily reduced as a result of this ITMP, it may take longer to upload larger volumes of data.
- Under the ITMP, maximum upload speeds will be maintained at levels that will continue to support real-time interactive activities, such as online banking, web-browsing, social networking, audio/video conferencing, online gaming and VoIP services.
- For the vast majority of our customers, their Internet experience is unaffected by our traffic management policy.

## **Wireless Home Internet and Wireless Business Internet**

Wireless Home Internet (WHI) is a home Internet product delivered over the Rogers wireless network. Wireless Business Internet (WBI)<sup>1</sup> is a business Internet product delivered over the Rogers wireless network.

Rogers continually invests in spectrum and our networks to keep pace with demand and alleviate potential congestion. During an emergency or extreme circumstance, or times of congestion, we may redistribute network capacity and manage WHI and/or WBI traffic for customers on both our limited and unlimited usage packages to provide relative prioritization to our mobile traffic. This ensures that capacity is distributed fairly amongst all users of our wireless network and can provide better speeds to the majority of wireless customers. Most customers should not be affected, as this policy only impacts a small number of WHI and/or WBI customers in areas where demand for mobile usage is greater than the available network capacity. During times of congestion, WHI and/or WBI customers may be affected and they may notice temporarily slower download and/or upload speeds. However, all WHI and WBI traffic is treated equally, including all online content, applications and classes of service.

Specific packages may also have Internet traffic management practices applied as outlined in their data management policies (as listed below):

[WHI/WBI Unlimited Packages \(with High-Speed Usage Allotment\) Data Policy](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Including Wireless Business Internet - Flex.

## **Wireless**

Rogers relies on network and spectrum investments as the primary tool to manage mobile Internet traffic and address potential congestion. We have mechanisms in place to protect the Rogers wireless network and our customers from malicious traffic and other security threats, as well as standard network management processes to enable the normal operation of our mobile network.

Rogers may also enhance performance of its mobile wireless network by optimizing video streaming. Optimizing video streams may result in faster load times and fewer or no playback interruptions or stalls during common mobile usage. Due to the small screen size of a smartphone or tablet, the impact on image quality should be minimal or unnoticeable. Video optimization can also lower mobile customers' data usage and create less network congestion. Optimization may occur with all detected video streamed over the Rogers network in Canada (including Extended Coverage), as well as foreign networks. Optimization does not apply to streaming over WiFi, video messages or conferencing, nor to videos saved to your device.

Rogers First Priority Service provides priority access to first responders, public safety officials, and critical infrastructure personnel. In the rare event that demand for network resources exceeds expected peak capacity, such as during natural disasters or threats to public safety, data connections from these users are prioritized by the mobile network.

As a result, during these rare events, non-Rogers First Priority Service users connecting to sites in the same area may experience slightly slower speeds and delayed response times when using data services, such as browsing and uploading or watching videos (all applications treated equally). In extremely rare cases, data connections could need to be re-initiated. 9-1-1 service is never impacted.

Specific plans may have Internet traffic management practices applied as outlined in their data management policies (as listed below).

[Rogers Infinite Plans Data Policy](#)