

HOTSPOT POLICY



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Mobile Hotspots are now available to borrow from the Hewitt Public Library. A mobile WiFi Hotspot allows you to wirelessly connect your mobile device/laptop/computer to the internet for research, networking, recreational use, and/or document or presentation production needs. The Hotspot device works in any area covered by the T-Mobile broadband network.

- 1.) Hotspots may be borrowed by residents 18 years and older with library cards in good standing. Patrons must present a valid library card and Texas driver's license or Texas ID at check out. One hotspot per household. The hotspot kit includes: (1) hotspot, (2) charging cable, (3) wall adapter, (4) quick start instructions and (5) a hard case. Hotspots may be reserved. If there are no pending reservations, one in-person renewal is permitted per hotspot at the Circulation desk.
- 2.) Hotspot kits are available from the Circulation Desk.
- 3.) One Hotspot per household may be borrowed for a 21-day loan period and will be due by the close of regular library hours. If returned late, the device will no longer work/service will be disconnected.
- 4.) Fines for overdue Hotspot are \$5.00 per day. An "on time" return is defined as a hotspot kit that is returned prior to closing on the due date. Users who have, on three separate occasions, returned a Hotspot late will be barred from borrowing the Hotspots for a period of six-months.
- 5.) Hotspots must be returned in person to the Hewitt Public Library unless other prior arrangements have been made with library staff. To ensure the safety of the equipment, DO NOT return the Hotspot kit in the book drop or to another library. Doing so will be treated as an instance of a late return.
- 6.) The patron assumes full responsibility for the cost of replacement in the event the Hotspot kit is damaged, lost, or stolen. The Hotspot kit replacement cost is \$100.00. The library staff will assess each device upon return and, if necessary, charge the patron accordingly including a processing fee.
- 7.) The library is not responsible for any liability, damages, or expenses resulting from the use/misuse of the mobile WiFi hotspot.
- 8.) By checking out the Hotspot, the borrower agrees to follow the acceptable rules policy of the Hewitt Public Library.

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These Hotspots use a cellular signal to generate the WiFi connection. Use this map to evaluate T-mobile service in your area.

CIPA filtering statement: To comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), internet access on library Hotspots when connected to the T-Mobile broadband network are filtered.

The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) was enacted by Congress in 2000 to address concerns about children's access to obscene or harmful content over the Internet. CIPA imposes certain requirements on schools or libraries that receive discounts for Internet access or internal connections through the E-rate program – a program that makes certain communications services and products more affordable for eligible schools and libraries. In early 2001, the FCC issued rules implementing CIPA and provided updates to those rules in 2011.

What CIPA requires

Schools and libraries subject to CIPA may not receive the discounts offered by the E-rate program unless they certify that they have an Internet safety policy that includes technology protection measures. The protection measures must block or filter Internet access to pictures that are: (a) obscene; (b) child pornography; or (c) harmful to minors (for computers that are accessed by minors).