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What is **Whole Home Wi-Fi** and why you need it.

Why Whole Home Wi-Fi?

If you've heard from us lately about Whole Home Wi-Fi, it's because it's more than a router upgrade, it's the difference between "pretty good" internet and internet that actually works everywhere in your home.

Stronger Wi-Fi, Everywhere

Older systems tend to favor whatever device is closest. Whole Home Wi-Fi uses a mesh network (equipment working together) so every room gets the same strong signal. No dead zones, no buffering, no sprinting upstairs to reset something.

Smart, Secure & Simple

The Santel Smart Home app lets you see what's connected, pause Wi-Fi, or create a guest network for company. Updates install automatically to keep your network secure, and our business-grade routers can handle all the devices today's homes throw at them. If you ever need help, you can call **24/7** and talk to a **real person right here in South Dakota**.

Bonus: It's the Key to YardLink

Thinking about YardLink for outdoor Wi-Fi? Whole Home Wi-Fi is the foundation. Without it, YardLink can't extend your network to the shop, barn, firepit, or front porch.

Easy Upgrade

Give us a call, schedule a quick visit, and our techs will handle the rest, installing your new router, and making sure your Wi-Fi works the way it should: everywhere.

South Dakota December History

Black Hills Gold Rush (December 25, 1875): The Custer Expedition discoverers gold in French Creek, sparking the "Last Great Gold Rush,"

1968 Winter Storm (December 21-22, 1968): A major winter storm dropped 17+ inches of snow in Sioux Falls, causing 10-foot snowdrifts and record-high stages for the Big Sioux River.

1983 Christmas Blizzard (December 23-24, 1983): A severe blizzard brought heavy snow and high winds to the state, causing significant travel disruptions and zero-visibility conditions, with NWS recording a wind chill of –82 degrees.

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TV Package Update Effective January 1, 2026

To keep pace with rising channel costs from national programmers, Santel TV packages will see **moderate price adjustments** beginning **January 1, 2026**. Full details on how your specific package will change will be included with your **December invoice**, so please watch for that notice.

Customers who continue to use traditional **set-top boxes** will see a slightly larger increase due to the growing support costs tied to those devices. If you'd like to switch to streaming instead, we can help make that transition easy:

Give us a call to convert to streaming! We will help you get started on your own, or we can provide one courtesy in-home visit to get your devices set up, and we'll provide one FREE 4K Firestick or Roku stick to help you get started.

As always, we appreciate your understanding and your support of Santel's locally operated services.

Holiday Movie Must Sees

- **Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (1964)** – **Fri 12/5, 7:00 PM CST** • NBC

- **The Polar Express** – **Wed 12/3, 7:00 PM CST** • AMC

- **A Christmas Story** (24-hour marathons on TBS/TNT)
First showing: **Wed 12/3, 4:00 PM CST** • TNT

- **It's a Wonderful Life** – **Wed 12/24, 7:00 PM CST** • NBC

- **The Sound of Music** – **Sun 12/21, 7:00 PM CST** • ABC

- **Disney Parks Magical Christmas Day Parade** – **Thu 12/25, 9:00 AM CST** • ABC

- **Disney Parks Magical Christmas Day Parade 2025** – **Thu 12/25, 11:00 AM CST** • Freeform

- **Home Alone / Home Alone 2** – first airings above; both re-air constantly on Freeform

- **Elf** – first airing Tue 12/2, 7:00 PM CST • AMC; then marathons on AMC through December

- **National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation** – Mon 12/1, 7:00 PM CST • AMC; then very frequent repeats.

- **The Santa Clause trilogy** – first airs back-to-back on **Mon 12/1** in the afternoon on Freeform.

- **Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest 2025** - Wed 12/31, 7:00 PM CST • ABC

New Telephone Lines:

Vermillion
Williams, Stephen - 605-624-3714

Catch all the action on Santel TV channels 90 - 91 and 101 - 108.

Woonsocket * Parkston * Mitchell
Sanborn Central * Mt Vernon
Ethan * Tripp-Delmont
Wolsey-Wessington
Wessington Springs

SANTEL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Our office will be closed on the following dates!
From all of us here at Santel have a wonderful holiday!

12/24– Closing at 12pm
12/25 Christmas
1/1 New Years