



# Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending Policy

A Wi-Fi Hotspot is a device you can use to connect a mobile-enabled device, such as a laptop, smartphone, or tablet, to the Internet. The hotspot is portable, so you can connect your device almost wherever you are. More than one device can be connected to the Wi-Fi hotspot and in most situations, up to ten devices can be connected simultaneously.

The Garland Public Library lends Wi-Fi Hotspots to Bear River Valley Library Consortium cardholders ages 18 years old or above, in good standing (no fines or overdue items and no history of a delinquent account). Since the Wi-Fi Hotspot benefits the whole household, ALL members of a household must have cards in good standing (no fines or overdue items and no history of a delinquent account) in order to be eligible to check-out a Wi-Fi hotspot. The Library reserves the right to refuse service to patrons who abuse equipment or who are repeatedly late in returning materials.

New card holders must establish a borrowing history for 3 consecutive months with at least 3 checkouts.

Hotspot checkout is limited to one per household for a period of 21 days, and it cannot be renewed. To ensure the whole community benefits from the Hotspots, they must be returned for 7 days before a household becomes eligible to check out another Hotspot.

The Library is not responsible for any damages or expense resulting from use, or misuse, of the device, connection of the device to other electronic devices, or data lost resulting from use of device.

## **Internet Use:**

Garland Public Library is not responsible for any information accessed or action taken by a patron while using a Wi-Fi Hotspot. Hotspot users are encouraged to use safe Internet practices. Using the hotspot to access any online content determined to be illegal or obscene according to federal, state, or municipal law will result in revocation of hotspot borrowing privileges and potentially criminal prosecution.



# Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending Consent Form

- I understand I must be at least 18, and present my photo identification when checking out a Wi-Fi Hotspot. Once a hotspot is checked out to me, it becomes my responsibility. Any changes in condition or content while in my care will be my responsibility. This does include being damaged, lost, or stolen.
- I understand that this device provides access the the internet and certify that use of that connection will comply with all federal, state, and municipal laws associated with access to internet content.
- I understand devices must be returned to the Garland Public Library Circulation Desk and should never be returned in the book drop or to another Library. Devices returned in the book drop will result in a \$75 fine.
- A hotspot checkout is limited to 1 per household for a period of 21 days and cannot be renewed. A returned hotspot must remain available in the Library for 7 days before my household may check a hotspot out again.
- The hotspot will be examined to ensure it has not been tampered with. If damage to the device is discovered by Library staff, appropriate costs will be added to my account. If the device needs to be replaced, patron will be charged the full replacement cost (as of October 2023, replacement cost is \$100. This may be subject to change by our Wi-Fi Hotspot vendor).
- I acknowledge that an overdue charge of \$5 per day up to half the replacement cost of \$100 will be charged for a hotspot that is not returned. At that time the hotspot will be marked lost, retaining the overdue charge, and also having a \$100 lost hotspot charge. I further acknowledge that I am responsible for the full replacement cost if the device or any parts are lost, stolen, damaged, or otherwise not returned.
- If I fail to pay the charges on a device, my borrowing privileges at the library will be canceled. If devices are not returned in a timely manner, civil and criminal action will be taken. Three (3) late returns for any device checkout will result in being permanently banned from borrowing all devices.

**I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and will adhere to the terms of this policy and Waiver of Liability Agreement.**

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**Borrower Signature**

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**Print Name**

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**GPL Staff Signature**

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**Date**