

How to Change Your Email Address

It's generally advisable to use an email address that's not affiliated with a company primarily focused on providing internet services. Their primary concern is delivering a stable and high-speed internet signal, rather than managing email. While they may offer an account, tech support is often unreliable at best.

Instead, opt for a well-established email service that prioritizes reliable email. Some good options include:

- Gmail: <https://gmail.com>
- Yahoo: <https://yahoo.com>

If you decide to change your email address, follow these steps:

1. **Create a new email account:** Choose one of the recommended email providers and set up a new account.
2. **Update all existing internet accounts:** Make a list of all your internet accounts. i.e. Waterman Village, bank and stock accounts, lenders, medical accounts/ patients portals, social media accounts (Facebook, etc.), businesses (Amazon, etc.), newspapers, organizations (AARP, etc.).

When you originally created these accounts, you were required to provide an email address and phone number. You must log into each account and change the email address to the new one. If the old phone number is a landline, change it to a cell phone number.

3. **Notify your contacts:** Start using your new email address, but regularly check your old account. Eventually, you can drop it completely.
4. **Record your account password:** Keep this information in a secure place, such as a dedicated notebook, spreadsheet, or password manager program. Avoid writing it on a random piece of paper.