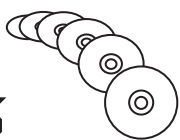


# Technology In Our Lives



## Wireless Technology Update

(NAPSA)—Everyone knows wireless phones let users talk with friends, family and business associates from virtually anywhere. Many may not be aware, however, of just how efficient wireless phones can be. Several technologies included in this update have recently become available in the United States and represent the future of wireless.

### High-Speed Data

1XRTT technology enables high-speed data connections to the Internet, corporate intranets and e-mail. Verizon Wireless offers a national high-speed data network, the Express Network<sup>(SM)</sup>, that gives users wireless Internet connection speeds similar to or better than those using a dial-up connection on a home PC. Nationwide, business travelers and busy laptop users can connect to the Internet wirelessly at the fastest speeds available on a national network, without having to search for a phone jack.

### Downloadable Applications

Gone are the days when the only games, ring tones and other applications were the ones pre-programmed onto some wireless phones. Today, users can download applications onto select wireless phones over the air. Users can download games, productivity and location-based tools and entertainment services without having to plug in to a computer or visit a retail store for service or reprogramming. For those who want access to a growing catalog of games or want constant entertainment and news updates, applications that can be downloaded over the air are sure to please.

The latest wireless phenomenon is polyphonic ring tones, which closely replicate actual songs rather than the single-tone melodies available on phones of the past. The ringing of your wireless phone may soon sound more like the radio than the "brrrrng brrrrng" of a phone.

### Wireless Internet Access

When two experts in their industry decide to collaborate, often it's the consumer who wins. So when Verizon Wireless and Microsoft decided to work together to refine the wireless Internet experience for its customers, the result was Mobile Web by VZW with MSN®, a convenient service



**New technology has dramatically increased the capabilities of wireless phones.**

bringing popular Microsoft technologies to millions of wireless phone users nationwide. Verizon Wireless and MSN users can now access their Hotmail® accounts from virtually anywhere, instant message friends and have access to premium entertainment and information services.

### Text Messaging

Adults who remember the days of passing notes in class will understand the biggest craze to hit wireless phones since speed dial—text messaging. Any user with a two-way, text-messaging capable phone can send messages that are quick and discreet. Text messaging is perfect for sending messages when it's important to be brief and discreet. The addictive messaging system is also appealing because it doesn't use up airtime minutes and the per-message fee is nominal.

Though the trend began overseas, Americans are quickly catching on, developing their own text-messaging language of abbreviations and symbols. "MEET @ \*\$\$ 2NTE" means "Meet me at Starbucks tonight," or tell a friend "RNG L8" when you're running late.

This technology update highlights just some of the capabilities of wireless service today. Americans are in the midst of witnessing the transformation of the wireless phone from a simple voice device to a tool people can use as a resource to retrieve information, complete tasks, to enable a mobile office and as an entertainment provider.

To learn more about these or other exciting wireless technologies, go to [www.VerizonWireless.com](http://www.VerizonWireless.com).