

May 2, 2023 - A Dirty Dish does not mean a Bad Signal...

Some of you who are receiving Internet Access via one of our dish radio systems may not know this but, surface rust and lichen growth on the dish system after years in operation has little to no affect on the system capability.

What does affect signal quality is if the dish mount comes loose causing the dish to be misaimed lowering the signal strength and/or dropping the signal lock entirely.

Most common among dish reception issues is maintaining a clear line-of-sight path between the dish at your home and our transmitter site whether it be in the neighborhood or coming from Whidbey Island. Trees, shrubs and bushes need to be trimmed back each year to maintain the original view path.



Over the years since we started Marrowstone Wireless the radio dish design has had 3 major upgrades. Each upgraded radio dish looks different from the predecessor. Interestingly, when the older radio dish systems are loaded with up-to-date software/ firmware they operate just as good as the newer radio dish systems...

I note that with each new radio upgrade, the radio dish has become cheaper looking and less sturdy... As all prices are more than doubled for new dish systems and they are harder to obtain (everything is now made in China) we have great reason to conserve what we have. And, they are still doing the job just fine! Just so you know...

Peace, David
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