

**Framingham Public Library  
Public Wireless Computing  
Available at the Main and McAuliffe Branch**



Welcome to Framingham Public Library's wireless computing service! This sheet has basic information about how to use this free service, and provides an overview of the policies intended to help keep the network running smoothly for everyone.

### **General**

While it is sometimes easy to connect to a wireless network, it can often be difficult. Unfortunately, our staff is not equipped to assist you with the technical aspects of getting your laptop connected to the wireless network. However, there are many sources of information on the topic that you can find in print, or by using our regular Public Internet desktop PCs.

### **Connecting**

The identifier (SSID) for the FPL Wireless network is **fplpublic**. This is the name of the network you should try to connect to. Do not attempt to connect to other networks.

Our network uses no encryption (such as WEP or WPA).

There should be adequate wireless coverage in most public areas of the library.

In the Main Library, power outlets are located around the periphery of the Reference area. Please do not string power cables across walkways. Ask a staff member if you have trouble locating a power outlet. Note that power outlets may not be available at the McAuliffe branch.

Internet Explorer 7 users who receive a message that "there is a problem" with the certificate should click "Continue to the website." Firefox users who encounter a problem may need to add a security exception.

### **Terms of Use**

When you connect for the first time, you will see a Terms of Use screen that displays the rules that you must agree to before using the wireless network. After you click **I Agree**, you will be able to use your browser to access the Internet normally.

Generally speaking, the Terms of Use require that you use the wireless service in a legal manner, and that you do not use your PC or the wireless network in any way that would affect other patrons' enjoyment of library facilities or services.

You cannot connect your laptop directly to the Internet with a cable. All of the ports are reserved for library-owned equipment.

Consequences of abuse of the wireless network or library computing equipment range from denial of access to library computers/networks, up to and including legal prosecution.

### **Security**

Wireless networks are not very secure, even though you are using your own laptop. Unless you are using a website that offers encryption (such as SSL), it is possible that other patrons could see what you are typing and viewing. Please bear this in mind as you use the wireless network.