

# Fallsnet's Privacy Policy

And Your California Privacy Rights

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Northern Network Concept's Inc. d/b/a Fallsnet ("Fallsnet," "us," "we," or "our") values the privacy and security of customer Personal Information. This Privacy Policy describes the types of customer Personal Information collected, used, disclosed, retained, secured and disposed by us.

This Privacy Policy applies to visitors and users of Fallsnet's website, <u>https://www.fallsnet.com/</u> ("Site"), and applicants, current and former residential and commercial/business customers of our high speed internet access services (individually, "Service" and collectively, "Services") residing in the United States. All such visitors, users, applicants, current and former residential and commercial/business customers are collectively, "Customers" "you," "your." Any capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Fallsnet Terms of Service Agreement.

By using Fallsnet's Site and Services, Customers consent to the data practices described in this Privacy Policy regarding the collection, use, disclosure, and disposal of your Personal Information. Fallsnet's Site and Services are designed and targeted to United States audiences and are governed by and operated in accordance with the laws of the U.S. If Customer is not a U.S. citizen or does not reside in the U.S., Customer voluntarily consents to the collection, transfer, use, disclosure and retention of Customer Personal Information in the U.S. Customer also agrees to waive any claims that may arise under Customer's own national laws.

#### Your California Privacy Rights Under the Shine The Light Act

Generally, California residents that have a business relationship with Fallsnet are entitled by the "Shine the Light Act" ("Act") to ask for information identifying the categories of Personal Information that Fallsnet shared with our Affiliates and/or other third parties for their marketing purposes the preceding year, and provide contact information for such Affiliates and/or third parties <u>unless</u> Fallsnet meets certain exceptions in the Act. This Privacy Policy and Site meet those exceptions. Importantly, Fallsnet does not target or knowingly provide Services to California residents, nor does Fallsnet share Customer Personal Information with Affiliates or third parties for their own marketing purposes. If you are a person residing in California and you believe that you have an established business relationship with Fallsnet and have questions regarding our policy regarding the Act, you must send your questions via email or postal mail following the instructions below.

# Fallsnet will not accept requests via the telephone or facsimile or respond to requests that are not labeled or sent properly, or do not have complete information.



- For all requests, include Customer's full name, street address, city, state and zip code.
- If sent via email request, Customer must state "Re: Your California Privacy Rights" in the subject line and send Customer email to <a href="support@fallsnet.com">support@fallsnet.com</a>.
- If sent via postal request, Customer must send a letter or post card to:

Northern Network Concepts, Inc. 58 E. Broadway, Little Falls, MN 56345 Attention: Your California Privacy Rights

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

When Customer uses the Service, the Personal Information Customer voluntarily sends and receives is transmitted over a wireless network, and may be subject to interception by unauthorized third parties. While it is Fallsnet's objective to take reasonable measures to reduce the risk that unauthorized third parties will intercept the information Customer sends and receives through the Service, Fallsnet cannot and does not make any guarantee that transmissions over the Internet are 100% secure or error-free.

Fallsnet does not knowingly collect, solicit or use Personal Information from anyone under the age of 13. If Customer is under age 13, please do not attempt to register for the Services or send any Personal Information about yourself to Fallsnet. If Fallsnet learns that Fallsnet has collected Personal Information from a child under age 13, Fallsnet will delete that information as quickly as possible to the extent technically feasible. If Customer believes that its child under age 13 may have provided to Fallsnet Personal Information, please contact Fallsnet at <u>support@fallsnet.com</u>.

# 2. WHAT TYPES OF INFORMATION DO WE COLLECT AND HOW DO WE USE THIS INFORMATION?

Generally, Personal Information is information Customer provides to Fallsnet voluntarily or passively through Customer's use of the Services and/or Site, that identifies, relates to, describes, is reasonably capable of being associated with, or could reasonably be linked, directly or indirectly, with a particular consumer or household. For the purposes of this Privacy Policy, we also define Personal Information to include such information related to our commercial/business Customers and their end users.

The following are the different ways and reasons we collect Customer Personal Information:

**Registration process, billing, and administration:** Customer name, email address, phone number (wireless and wireline), billing address and billing information (such as credit card account number or other financial account information), service address, and the nature of any



of Customer devices or other property making use of the Service. We will also use this same Personal Information for the installation, troubleshooting, maintenance of the Services, and servicing of equipment.

#### Social Network Platforms:

Fallsnet has a presence on Facebook's social media platform and Customers may voluntarily view, sign up to follow, or otherwise engage with our social media at their own level of interest. Customers on our social media platform are governed by the privacy policy of the specific platform. Fallsnet may obtain, transport or merge Personal Information posted publicly on social media platforms, however Fallsnet will not share any such Personal Information with any third party, except as otherwise noted in this Privacy Policy. Occasionally a Customer may post their identifying information on social media, sometimes to alert or inquire about service questions or service interruptions. Fallsnet is not responsible for Personal Information that is publicly disclosed on social media platforms.

• Customers should be aware that following and/or posting comments on our social media page (or any social media page) may unintentionally expose Customer's personally identifiable information based on the individual's Facebook accountholder privacy control settings.

Some forms of information as described below will be classified as Personal Information if required by applicable law or when such information is directly associated with or reasonably linked to a specific person, computer or device, or is combined with other forms of Personal Information.

#### Website Information, Use of Cookies and other Similar Tracking Technology:

When you visit Fallsnet's Site, Fallsnet will collect information on Fallsnet server logs from Customer's browser or device, which may include Customer IP address, unique device identifier, "cookie" information, the type of browser and/or device you're using to access the Service, and the page or feature Customer requested. "Cookies" and "web beacons" are text file identifiers Fallsnet transfers to Customer's browser or device that allow Fallsnet to recognize Customer's browser or device and tell Fallsnet how and when pages and features on the Fallsnet website are visited, by how many people, and other activity on the website. Customer's device's acceptance of cookies, web beacons or other similar technology, but this may prevent Customer from taking advantage of some of the features on the Fallsnet website, or accessing certain functions and conveniences. If Customer clicks on a link to a third party website or service, such third party may



also transmit cookies to Customer. Again, this Privacy Policy does not cover the use of cookies or other such tracking technology by any third parties, and Fallsnet is not responsible for their privacy policies and practices. Fallsnet also uses Personal Information and Non-Personal Information to enhance the Fallsnet website and Fallsnet Service offerings. For example, such information can tell Fallsnet how often visitors use a particular feature of the Fallsnet website and which products and services are most interesting to current and potential customers, and Fallsnet can use that knowledge to make the website useful and interesting to as many users as possible and to enhance and refine Fallsnet's Service offerings. Fallsnet will continue to conduct analytics on Fallsnet website performance; Customer may not opt-out of this use of cookies or other Personal Information or Non-Personal Information. Technology is improving every day and to improve Fallsnet's Services' operation and function Fallsnet may introduce new technologies and monitoring techniques without advance notice or consent from Customer. Fallsnet may also use third party providers to conduct such internal analyses.

**Network Information:** Fallsnet also collects Network Information, information about Customer access to, and use of, the Fallsnet Network, which may or may not be directly associated with or reasonably linked to a specific person, computer or device. For example, Fallsnet may collect information about the performance of the Provider Equipment installed on Customer property or at Customer premises, when Customer is using the Service, the various devices Customer is using to access the Service, the amount of data Customer is transmitting and receiving, the content of the data Customer is transmitting and receiving, the websites Customer is visiting, and any other information that is transmitted over the Fallsnet Network. Fallsnet may also aggregate Network Information about the overall performance of the Fallsnet Service and the Fallsnet network with our Affiliates and other third parties. Aggregated information does not identify a specific individual, computer or device. We use Network Information to monitor and enhance the performance of the Fallsnet network. Fallsnet will not monitor the content of the websites viewed or email communications as part of Fallsnet's standard network management.

Generally, Fallsnet will only monitor and preserve the following Network Information:

- When Customer is using the Service;
- How Customer is using the Service, such as monitoring traffic patterns regarding websites visited, amount of data being sent or received, or other activity;
- The amount of data Customer is transmitting and receiving through the Service; and
- General information regarding the performance of the Provider Equipment installed on Customer's property or at Customer's premises, and its interaction with the rest of Fallsnet's network.



However, Fallsnet reserves the right to, and may, monitor, access, review and preserve any Network Information and/or content in the following situations:

- In response to an inquiry from Customer or another Authorized User on Customer's account regarding Customer or their use of the Service or problems Customer or they are experiencing using the Service;
- If Fallsnet has reason to believe Customer is using the Service in violation of Customer's Terms of Service Agreement or any applicable statutes, rules, ordinances or regulations;
- If Fallsnet has reason to believe Customer use of the Service is negatively affecting other Customers; or
- When Fallsnet is required by law or legal process to do so, or when Fallsnet, in good faith, believes that Fallsnet is required by law or legal process to do so.

## 3. IS PERSONAL INFORMATION USED FOR MARKETING AND ADVERTISING PURPOSES?

Fallsnet will use Customer Personal Information to send marketing and advertising messages related to our own Services and Site using Customer's email address, postal address, or telephone number (for voice, texts, automated and pre-recorded calls).

Fallsnet may deliver a marketing or advertising message based on Customer visits to Fallsnet's website, which will be general advertising or "Contextual Advertising," which is advertising based on the subject matter or the content of the specific website page or subject matter. Fallsnet may also send Customer "First Party Advertising," which is advertising or marketing that is customized or personalized based on a history of Customer's use of our Services (possibly combined with information from our Facebook fan page or other social network platforms). First Party Advertising is based solely on a combination of information Fallsnet collects from Customer – not from Customer's visits to other websites across the Internet. Customer may opt-out of First Party Advertising but not Contextual Advertising. No Personal Information is used to deliver Contextual Advertising; it automatically will appear based on the content or webpage Customer is viewing. Customer may continue to receive general advertising if Customer opts-out of First Party Advertising, it will not be customized or personalized for Customer.

Fallsnet does not provide third party "Network Advertising," which is advertising based on Customer's overall Internet usage across different third party websites or online services. Multiple third party websites and online services are involved in this tailored or personalized advertising process, in essence a "network" of advertising providers. Fallsnet does not provide network ads, Fallsnet does not recognize the "Do Not Track" settings on various Internet



browsers. Fallsnet does not engage or allow third parties to track you across the Internet and across time for advertising purposes.

## 4. LINKS TO THIRD PARTY WEBSITES AND SERVICES

The Fallsnet Site and/or our Facebook Pages (or other social networking platforms) may contain a variety of content and functionality and may provide links to other third party websites or online services. Despite such links, this Privacy Policy applies only to Fallsnet and our Affiliates. The presence of a link does not constitute or imply Fallsnet's endorsement, recommendation, or sponsorship of the content, goods, services, business or privacy practices on such websites or online services. Fallsnet encourages Customers to be aware and informed when Customers leave Fallsnet's Site and Fallsnet's Facebook Pages, or any other social networking platforms.

# 5. DO WE DISCLOSE CUSTOMER PERSONAL INFORMATION TO THIRD PARTIES?

Customer's Personal Information will only be disclosed to third parties as listed in this Privacy Policy, and if Fallsnet has received your consent at the time Fallsnet collects your Personal Information or prior to the disclosure of any Personal Information. Fallsnet reserves the right to fully use, disclose and process any non-Personal Information collected from Customer in any manner as well as any information Customer makes public via Fallsnet's Services or Site.

- **To Our Operational Service Providers:** Fallsnet contracts with other companies and people to perform tasks or services on Fallsnet's behalf and need to share Customer Personal Information to provide products or services to Customers. For example, Fallsnet may use a payment processing company to receive and process Customer's ACH or credit card transactions for Fallsnet, or Fallsnet may contract with third parties to assist Fallsnet in optimizing Fallsnet's network. Unless Fallsnet tells Customer differently, Fallsnet does not grant its Operational Service Providers any right to use the Personal Information Fallsnet shares with them beyond what is necessary to assist Fallsnet.
- For Business Transfers/Restructuring: Fallsnet may choose to buy or sell assets, or Fallsnet may sell assets or be sold. In these types of transactions, customer Personal Information is typically one of the business assets that would be disclosed and transferred. Also, if Fallsnet (or Fallsnet's assets) are acquired, or Fallsnet goes out of business, enter bankruptcy, or go through some other change of control, including restructuring, re-organization or financing arrangements, Personal Information could be one of the assets disclosed, transferred to or acquired by a third party.



- For Protection of Fallsnet, and Our Affiliates, Employees, Operational Service Providers, Users and Customers and Public Safety: Fallsnet reserves the right to access, read, preserve, and disclose any Personal Information Fallsnet has access to if Fallsnet believes doing so will implement and/or enforce the Terms of Service Agreement, Website Terms of Use Agreement, Privacy Policy or any legal document; protect our Network(s), website(s), and company assets; protect the interests, rights, property, and/or safety of Fallsnet or Our Affiliates, employees and officers/directors, Operational Service Providers, Resellers, Customers, agents, representatives, third party licensors or suppliers, or the general public.
- When Required by Law or in Response to Legal Process: Fallsnet reserves the right to access, read, preserve, and disclose any Personal Information when Fallsnet is required by law or legal process to do so, or if Fallsnet has a good faith belief that Fallsnet is required by law or legal process to do so.

#### 6. HOW DO WE PROTECT CUSTOMER PERSONAL INFORMATION?

Fallsnet endeavors to protect the privacy of Customer's account and other Personal Information using reasonable administrative, technical and physical security measures. However, Fallsnet cannot and do not guarantee complete security. Unauthorized entry or use, hardware or software failure, and other factors, may compromise the security of Personal Information at any time. Customer's account is protected by a User ID and password for Customer's privacy and security. It is Customer's responsibility to prevent unauthorized access to Customer's account and Personal Information by selecting and protecting Customer password and/or other sign-on mechanism appropriately and limiting access to Customer computer, tablet or device and browser by signing off after Customer has finished accessing Customer's account. Customer is required to notify us immediately if Customer's password or account has been disclosed to a person whose name does not appear on Customer's account, even if you have allowed such disclosure. Customer understands, acknowledges and agrees that Customer is solely responsible for any use of Fallsnet Services via Customer's username and password.

Additionally, if Customer contacts Fallsnet via Site, telephone or in person, Fallsnet will ask Customer for verification of Customer's identification and account.

Fallsnet will not send an email or text, nor should Customer respond to any email or text communications asking for any sensitive or confidential Personal Information, such as social security number, bank account or credit card account number, or a driver's license number. If Customer receives an email or text requesting any such information from Fallsnet or someone



that claims they are with Fallsnet or Our Affiliates please contact our Privacy Administrator immediately: <u>privacy@fallsnet.com</u>. For Fallsnet's IT Support Services as detailed in our Services Agreement, the code that allows Fallsnet to access Customer's computer desktop to help you resolve technical problems is limited only for that specific session. Fallsnet is not able to access Customer's Computer without Customer's knowledge, affirmative consent and involvement.

## 7. WHAT DISCLOSURE CHOICES DO CUSTOMERS HAVE?

Customer can always choose not to disclose Personal Information to Fallsnet; however, certain Personal Information is necessary for Fallsnet to provide the Service to Customer. Customer may opt out of sharing Personal Information with Our Affiliates only for marketing or advertising purposes, but not for business or operational purposes. Customer may opt out of email marketing and advertising from Fallsnet or its Affiliates using the "Unsubscribe" mechanism in each email. Before Fallsnet sends Customer a text for any reason, or sends Customer a prerecorded call that contains advertising or marketing information, Fallsnet will secure Customer's prior written express consent, which can be given via a voice recording, email, text message, postal mail, or telephone key press. Non-telemarketing pre-recorded calls do not require Customer's prior express consent in writing, unless they are sent to a wireless device. Customer understands, acknowledges and agrees that such texts and pre-recorded telemarketing calls may be sent using an autodialer and are not conditioned on your purchase of the Service. Customer may opt out of receiving text messages any time by replying "STOP" or "UNSUBSCRIBE" to the text message. Customer may opt out of receiving pre-recorded calls by the opt-out instructions in the call. Customer can also request to be added to Fallsnet's company-specific Do Not Call list to opt-out of advertising and marketing calls of all types. However, Customer will continue to receive calls related to debt-collection and Customer's current Service. Customer may also optout of First Party Advertising, but not Contextual Advertising, as detailed in the "Use of Personal Information for Marketing or Advertising Purposes" section above. Customer may not opt out of Fallsnet's use of cookies or other similar technology, or use of Customer's Personal Information and Non-Personal Information for Fallsnet's internal analytics used to monitor activity on Fallsnet's website, measure Fallsnet's Service performance, or to operate and protect the Fallsnet Network.



#### 8. WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION CAN CUSTOMERS ACCESS, MODIFY AND/OR DELETE?

Generally, Customer may access the following Personal Information in Customer's account:

- Full name
- Username and password
- Email address
- Telephone number; and
- Billing and Service address
- Account and billing information

By contacting Fallsnet at <u>billing@fallsnet.com</u>, or through any online access portal and/or via telephone, Fallsnet may enable Customers to view, access and modify Customer account settings, and in some cases, edit or delete the Personal Information listed above. Fallsnet will retain historic email, billing and/or Service addresses for security and verification purposes and Customers may not delete such information even after the subscription expires or terminates.

Existing Customers may not delete any Personal Information because such information is necessary to provide and bill for the Services; Customers may only update or modify the following Personal Information: <u>Name, Email address, Phone Numbers, Billing Address, Service Address, Billing Information (e.g. Credit Card Information), Account Services, Username, and Password</u>.

Fallsnet may use any aggregated data derived from Customer's Personal Information but not in a manner that would identify Customer personally. Fallsnet may also maintain Personal Information regarding Customer and Customer's use of the Service after Customer is no longer a Fallsnet customer as required by Fallsnet's business practices, by law, and/or tax reporting purposes. The information Customer can view, update, and delete may also change if required by law. If Customer has any questions about viewing or updating information Fallsnet has on file about Customer, please contact Fallsnet at: <u>billing@fallsnet.com</u>.

#### 9. WILL THIS PRIVACY POLICY EVER CHANGE?

Yes, Fallsnet is constantly working to improve the Service, so Fallsnet will need to update this Privacy Policy from time to time as Fallsnet's business practices change and service offerings increase, and/or there are changes in local, state or federal laws. Additionally, Fallsnet will also make stylistic, organizational and/or grammatical changes to present Fallsnet privacy practices in a user friendly easy to read manner. Fallsnet will alert Customers to any such changes by placing a notice on Fallsnet's Site and App with the effective date of the revised Privacy Policy, and/or by sending Customers an email, or by some other means to the extent required by law.



Please note that if Customers have not provided Fallsnet with Customer's email address or Customer has not updated Customer contact information, those legal notices will still govern Customer use of the Service, and Customer is still responsible for reading and understanding all notices posted on Fallsnet's website. Customer's continued use of the Service or website after notice of any changes have been provided will indicate Customer's acceptance of such changes, except where further steps are required by applicable law.

Use of Customer's Personal Information is primarily governed by the Privacy Policy in effect at the time Customer subscribed to the Service or visited the Fallsnet website. If Fallsnet elects to use or to disclose Personal Information that identifies Customer as an individual in a manner that is materially different than that stated in the Privacy Policy in effect at the time you subscribed to the Service or visited the Fallsnet Site, Fallsnet will provide Customer with an opportunity to consent to such use or disclosure. Depending on the circumstances, that consent may include an opt-out.

#### 10. WHAT IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS PRIVACY POLICY?

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Fallsnet's privacy practices and policies, please contact Fallsnet at:

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