

Make Your Holidays Less Stressful—And More Fun!

(NAPS)—The holiday season is here and with thoughts of turkeys, presents and family there's the dread of long lines, traveling and, well, family! This time can be less stressful and more enjoyable if you have high-speed Internet access in your home. Here are a few ways cable's online service can work for you.

- Simplify your holiday shopping. Not only can you take care of your entire gift list from home, the high-speed connection means you'll see photos of your choices faster and clearer, and then you can efficiently arrange to have packages wrapped and delivered. Don't have time to go to the grocery store? Now you can submit your shopping list and have the groceries delivered right to your door. Take it one step further and watch cooking videos online, so you can entertain with a host of exciting, new recipes.

- Holidays are often the time of year that many people reach out to friends and family. You can use your Internet connection to send the family portrait or a photo of the new puppy to your friends. And use it to plan your New Year's Eve bash. Since e-mail party invitations are so popular, you'll not only save time, but money on cards and stamps.

- If you want to spend more time with your family, try telecommuting over the holidays. This frees up the hours you would spend in your car—and broadband access at home makes telecommuting more productive than ever. Information is easy to



retrieve and documents download and upload with no waiting. And since a cable home network allows multiple Internet connections, you can actually get work done on your PC, while the kids keep themselves entertained on the Web using another PC.

- Speaking of the kids, the speedy connection means they can not only access a host of video games that are entertaining—and educational—they can play with other children online anywhere in the world. Or, ask them to pull together a collection of the family's favorite Christmas carols. Music is downloaded onto the computer or an MP3 player in a snap.

- Finally, the best news is since many cable companies “bundle” their services, using cable for online access means you can save money when you need the extra cash the most. For more information on these and other services from your local cable company, visit www.ThisIsCable.com.

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