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Computer Tips & Tricks for the
novice to the advanced.

Is My Broadband Wireless?

Wireless is a general term that is used to refer to networks, broadband, keyboards and mice etc. Which form of wireless is unclear unless other words are added to give more meaning.

Hence a Wireless LAN (Local Area Network) more often referred to as WiFi is NOT the same as Wireless Broadband.

Typically you use a Wireless Broadband connection when either your desktop computer is too far from a telephone exchange to receive normal broadband, or you are working on a laptop, on the move, and are using a broadband key device to reach the internet and eMails. In each case the device has a SIM card like a mobile phone.

A Wireless LAN or WiFi connection is used when you connect your laptop to a Wireless Router or Wireless Access Point as part of a Local Area Network. The Wireless Router may also be connected to the internet (modem), but not in all cases. When the laptop connects to the router for the first time the router should ask for a password, and if not then this is very bad. It means that anyone can connect to your network, access your files and use your internet downloads.

So when talking to your internet service provider, you need to clearly explain what type of “wireless” you are talking about to make sure you get exactly what you need.

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