

# Windows 95/98/ME Internet Setup Information

## For the Michiana Free-Net (MFN)

Windows 95/98/ME comes with tools that allow you access the Internet either over a modem or through a network. It provides a dial-up facility to call the Michiana Free-Net and connect you to the Internet using TCP/IP (the Internet protocol). To configure your Windows95/98/ME computer to dial-up the Michiana Free-Net you will need to do the following:

- 1) Configure your TCP/IP Properties with MFN access information.
- 2) Define/Configure a Dial-Up Networking connection for MFN access.

If for any reason you get stuck, contact us at (574)280-4850.

Let's get started...

### Creating a Dial-Up Connection to the Michiana Free-Net

1. Click the **Start** button, **Programs**, **Accessories**, **Communications** and then **Dial-Up Networking**.
2. If this is your first ever internet connection, step 1 will initiate the Make New Connection Wizard. Otherwise, Double-click the **Make New Connection** icon in the Dial-Up Networking window.
3. Enter **Michiana Free-Net** when see the "**Type a name of the computer you are dialing**" prompt and select your modem from the drop-down list if the one shown is not correct.
4. Click on the **Next** button
5. Enter the MFN local access number appropriate for you (all area code 574):
  - 262-5885** for Elkhart County
  - 280-2057** for St. Joseph County IN & Niles MI for those with 56K (v.90/92) modems
  - 288-6367** for St. Joseph County IN & Niles MI for those with 33K or slower modems
6. Click on the **Next** button, and then click on **Finish**.
7. Click on the Michiana Free-Net connection icon that you just created in the Dial-Up Networking window. Now, **Right-click** and Click on Properties.
8. Look for a box that says "Use area code and Dialing Properties" and if it is checked, uncheck it.
9. Click the **Networking** tab.
10. Leave the default dial-up server as **PPP:Windows98, WindowsNT, Internet** (look for the keyword PPP: other details may vary depending on your operating system version).
11. **Uncheck** the **Log on to network** check box, if it is present.
12. **Check** the **Enable software compression** check box (if it isn't already checked).

13. In the “**Allowed network protocols**” box, make sure that only **TCP/IP** is checked.

14. Click the **OK** button until the **Michiana Free-Net** window closes.

15. **Right-click** on the Michiana Free-Net icon and select **Make a Short Cut**. It will tell you that it can't make a shortcut in that folder but can put one on the Desktop. Click OK.

The Michiana Free-Net icon will now appear on the Desktop and can be used to dialup Michiana Free-Net.

If the settings do not appear in the places indicated try another tab. Different versions of Windows put these settings in different places. They should all be there.

Now that you have created a connection, you are ready to dial-up the Michiana Free-Net for access to the internet.

### **Connecting to the Michiana Free-Net**

1. **Double-click** the new Michiana Free-Net connection icon in your Dial-Up Network window or on the Desktop.

2. The **Connect To** dialog box will be displayed on your desktop.

3. Type in your assigned **username** and **password** (from your MFNS application form) and check the Save password check box.

IMPORTANT: Make sure you type your username and password correctly! Remember they are case sensitive!

4. Now click the **Connect** button.

Your modem should dial the MFN and negotiate a connection. When complete, you should see an icon on your taskbar with two PCs with flashing green screens (look to the lower right corner, it should be there).

That's It! You have now successfully configured Windows 95/98/ME to dial-up the Michiana Free-Net.

Your MFN e-mail address is: <your username>@michiana.org (for example: [johndoe@michiana.org](mailto:johndoe@michiana.org))

### **Setting up your PCs E-mail reader program to retrieve your E-mail from MFN**

This process varies from reader to reader. The key information you will need is the mail server names:

Incoming mail server (POP3): **michiana.org**

Outgoing mail server (SMTP): **michiana.org**

Please set up your reader to delete mail on the server once its transferred to your PC.

### **Reading your MFN E-Mail from any Web-enabled PC using TWIG (great for travelers!)**

1. Start the PCs web browser (Internet Explorer, Netscape Navigator, or other).

2. Point the browser to <http://webmail.michiana.org>

3. Enter your MFN username and password when prompted.