

Inspectress Gadget- AT&T Microcell- Talk of the Town!

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While the Inspectress Gadget loves almost all aspects of gadgetry, there is still one hurdle that grinds my gears- stumbling into zones in our mountainous Valley with limited signal strength. No matter what your carrier, there are places where no satellite or cell tower could even dream of reaching.

Funnily enough, some of the places with the spottiest coverage are where the most luxurious neighborhoods are. I have pals whose Paradise Valley and North Scottsdale homes are cell-free zones. There's nothing lamer than not being able to use your cool tool or-gasp-using a landline. What are we, dinosaurs? Is this 1991?



You're coming in clear!

Today's Toy: AT&T has us all covered- literally- with the AT&T 3G MicroCell, which gives users full bar coverage in our homes and workplaces. Acting as a mini cellular tower, it connects to AT&T's network via your broadband system (like DSL, cable or U-Verse).

Read on for all the deets!



Nobody looks hot when they have zero bars

Features include:

- Full-bar coverage for up to four users at a time in your home or small business
- Register up to 10 AT&T cell numbers to use the AT&T 3G MicroCell
- Up to 5,000 square feet of enhanced coverage
- No additional monthly fees- you are only responsible for your cellular data and minutes
- An unlimited minute voice feature for only \$19.99. This makes all calls made on the MicroCell unlimited, and that means all calls starting from your house or home are unlimited!
- Compatibility with all 3G phones
- Support for 3G data services without Wi-Fi capable phones
- Seamlessly un-interrupted calls- no drama when you switch over from MicroCell to tower coverage

Device Requirements include:

- AT&T 3G wireless phone
- Broadband connection like Cable or DSL
- A computer with internet access for registering online

Additional Details:

- Installing your MicroCell near a window is recommended to ensure access to GPS- this is necessary to verify the device location when you first set it up
- The device is portable and may be moved, as long as the spot is within the AT&T authorized service area and is registered online.
- Calls transfer out from MicroCell to tower coverage, but not from the cell tower to the 3G MicroCell.

Read on to hear my favorite and least favorite features!

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Cut the cord.

Favorite Feature

Please. Having full bars and unlimited talk time in your home or office is vital nowadays. I think it's just plain awesome that AT&T is offering an option to better coverage, so you can talk on your cell deep in the depths of an office building, or in your basement at home.

Cause let's be honest- the only thing dorkier than a dead cell phone is picking up a cordless and trying to remember a phone number.

Least Favorite Feature

None. Is that possible?

The AT&T 3G MicroCell is available at ATT.com or one of the 28 local AT&T Stores including the newest at Paradise Valley Mall, for \$149.

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