

Router can be replaced with fiber optic cable



Article Overview

A router cannot be directly replaced with a fiber optic cable because the cable only transmits light signals, which must be converted to electrical signals by an ONT before a router can distribute the connection.

Why a Router Cannot Be Replaced

Fiber optic cables transmit data as pulses of light, which standard routers cannot interpret directly. The Optical Network Terminal (ONT) is essential because it converts these light signals into electrical signals that a router can understand and distribute to devices via Ethernet or Wi-Fi. Without an ONT, your devices cannot access the internet, even if the fiber cable is physically connected.

How Fiber Internet Connects to a Router

- **Fiber Cable to ONT:** The fiber optic cable from your ISP enters your home and plugs into the ONT's optical port. This device handles the optoelectronic conversion.
- **ONT to Router:** Use a high-quality Ethernet cable (Cat6a or higher) to connect the ONT's Ethernet/LAN port to your router's WAN port.
- **Router Configuration:** Power on the router, access its admin panel, and enter any ISP credentials if required. Ensure the router firmware is updated to handle high-speed fiber connections.
- **Wi-Fi Distribution:** The router then distributes the internet connection to your devices via Wi-Fi or additional Ethernet ports

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