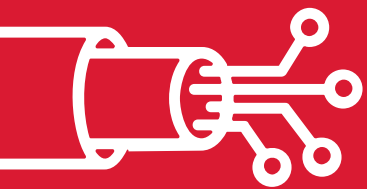


Fiber

CONNECTS WINELAND FAMILY TO AN ACTIVE LIFE



Most retirees hope for a life filled with meaningful connections, purpose and the freedom to stay engaged with the things that matter most. Don and Tera Wineland of Prior Lake have found exactly that... With a reliable fiber internet connection from Nuvera, they remain connected and fully immersed in the passions and causes that make retirement meaningful.

Much of their busyness centers on their deep involvement in Minnesota's snowmobiling community. Don helps organize and fundraise for an annual Veterans Snowmobile Ride in northern Minnesota, an event that brings together more than 125 veterans each year and provides snowmobiles, helmets, suits, and gear to those who need them.

Coordinating an event of that size takes constant communication. Don reaches out to sponsors, secures donations, communicates with fellow organizers, and helps manage event details throughout the year. "I solicit for the veterans ride," he said. This year alone, he secured thousands of dollars in commitments and product donations to support the effort.

All of that work runs on Nuvera's fiber network. Emails, online forms, sponsor outreach, event updates, and research are

part of his daily volunteer work. Whether he is connecting with local businesses, tracking contributions, or preparing for club meetings, the Winelands rely on Nuvera's fiber service to stay organized and responsive.

Their involvement extends beyond one event. They remain active in their local snowmobile club, hosting meetings and participating in rides and fundraisers. Staying connected to fellow members and statewide organizations requires consistent, high-speed service — especially from their rural home just outside Prior Lake, where Nuvera's fiber delivers.

When the Winelands upgraded to fiber, they immediately noticed the transformation. "I get great reception out in the shop now, including digital TV," Don said, describing how Nuvera's improved bandwidth reaches his workshop seamlessly.



Today, Nuvera's fiber network supports nearly every aspect of their lives. "We have probably close to 50 wireless devices connected to the internet," Don said. Their home includes multiple computers, printers, tablets, smart TVs, and an extensive camera system covering their driveway, garage, generator, and shops. In a rural setting, Nuvera's connectivity provides both convenience and peace of mind.

Fiber has also transformed how they manage the thousands of photos from snowmobiling trips and veterans' events. Before upgrading, large cloud uploads and downloads would slow everything down. Now, with Nuvera's fiber, transfers happen smoothly in the

Their positive experience began with installation. With underground utilities and multiple structures on their property, careful planning was required. The Nuvera crew used directional boring to avoid disturbing the driveway and surrounding land. "They did a great job," Don said. "When they were done out there it looked nice."

Having worked in the telecommunications industry themselves, the Winelands understand the investment required to bring fiber to rural areas. They appreciate the complexity behind the scenes and the commitment Nuvera demonstrates in serving homes outside city limits.

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Reliability makes all the difference. With Nuvera's fiber connection, the performance is consistent and dependable, even during storms that once caused disruptions. As Tera put it, "We could hardly function without it," when talking about going without internet for even a short time.

For Don and Tera, Nuvera's fiber internet is the backbone of their volunteer work, their snowmobiling community, and their ability to support veterans across Minnesota. It enables them to manage large files, coordinate complex events, and stay connected to dozens of devices simultaneously — all from their rural Prior Lake home. Even in retirement, they are constantly on the move, and Nuvera's fast, reliable fiber connection ensures they can continue doing the work that matters most to them.