

Comcast to start charging heavy downloaders extra

May 17 2012, By PETER SVENSSON , AP Technology Writer

(AP) -- Comcast, the country's largest Internet service provider, is going to start charging extra when customers go over a certain monthly data limit.

That limit, however, is very high, starting at 300 gigabytes for basic Internet plans. Only a tiny fraction of Internet users use that much data in a month.

[Comcast Corp.](#), based in Philadelphia, said Thursday that it might charge \$10 for every 50 gigabytes over that limit.

Comcast has previously limited use to 250 gigabytes per month, but hasn't charged those who exceed that limit. Instead, it's warned them, and threatened repeat offenders with cancellation of their service.

Other home Internet service providers like [Time Warner Cable](#) and AT&T have experimented with lower data caps and higher overages, but have met fierce resistance from consumers and politicians.

©2012 The Associated Press. All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten or redistributed.

Citation: Comcast to start charging heavy downloaders extra (2012, May 17) retrieved 8 June 2023 from <https://phys.org/news/2012-05-comcast-heavy-downloaders-extra.html>

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private

study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.