

Setting Up Family-Safe DNS on Windows 10/11:

Protect Your Browsing!

This guide will help you configure your Windows 10/11 PC to use family-friendly DNS servers, blocking inappropriate content and promoting safer browsing for everyone at home. We'll focus on three popular options: CleanBrowsing, OpenDNS Family Shield, and Cloudflare Family DNS.

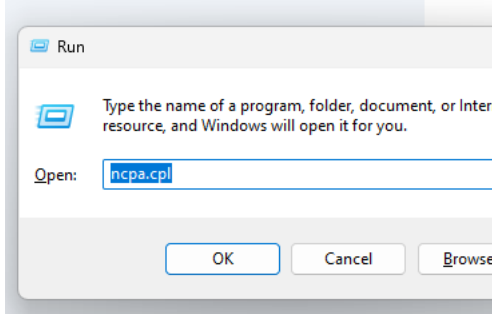
Before you begin:

- **Gather your chosen DNS server's IP addresses:**
 - CleanBrowsing: 185.228.168.168 & 185.228.169.168
 - OpenDNS Family Shield: 208.67.220.123 & 208.67.222.123
 - Cloudflare Family DNS: 1.1.1.3 & 1.0.0.3
- **Have administrator access on your Windows PC.**

Let's get started!

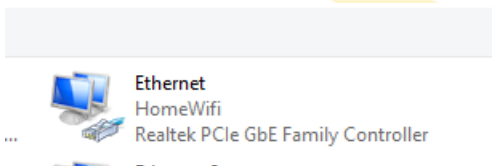
1. Open Network Connections:

- Press Windows Key + R to open the Run dialog box.
- Type `ncpa.cpl` and press Enter.

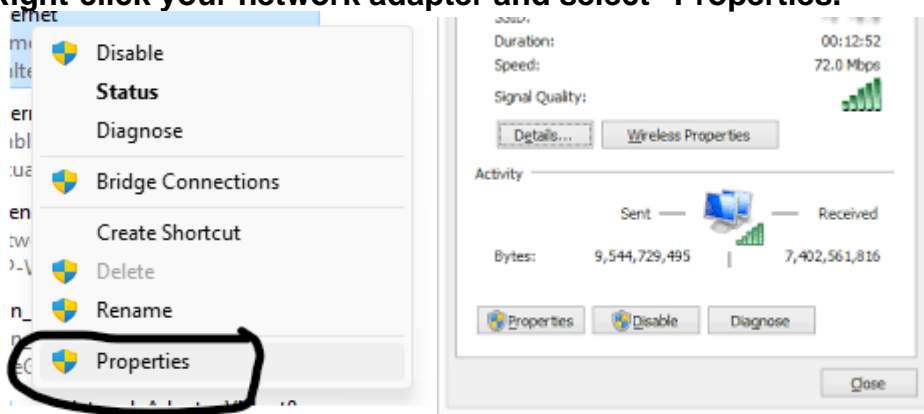


2. Find your network adapter:

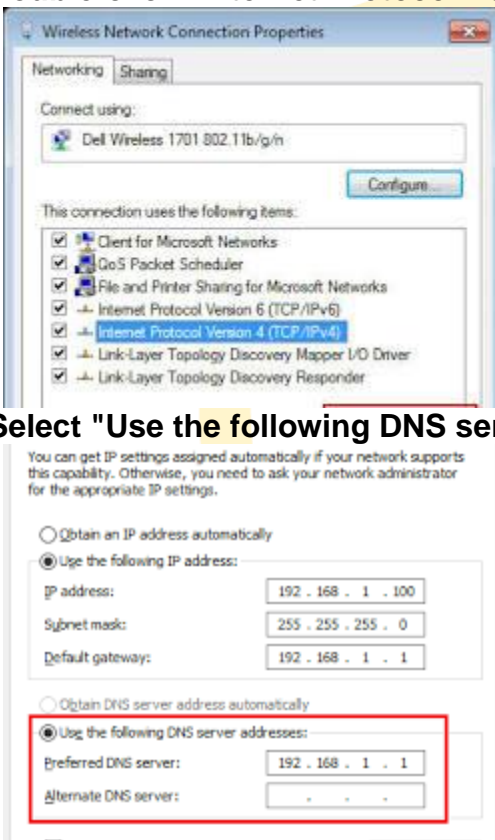
- Look for your active network connection, usually named "Ethernet" or your Wi-Fi network name.



3. Right-click your network adapter and select "Properties."



4. Double-click "Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)" to open its properties.



5. Select "Use the following DNS server addresses" and click "Properties."

6. **Choose your preferred Family-Safe DNS provider:**

- **CleanBrowsing:** Enter 185.228.168.168 and 185.228.169.168 in the Preferred and Alternate DNS server fields.
- **OpenDNS Family Shield:** Enter 208.67.220.123 and 208.67.222.123 in the Preferred and Alternate DNS server fields.
- **Cloudflare Family DNS:** Enter 1.1.1.3 and 1.0.0.3 in the Preferred and Alternate DNS server fields.



7. **Click "OK" on all open windows to save your changes.**

8. **(Optional) Verify your new DNS settings:**

- Visit a website like <https://dnsleaktest.com/> or <https://1.1.1.1/help> to confirm your chosen family-safe DNS is active.

Congratulations! You've successfully configured your Windows PC to use a family-friendly DNS server. This helps protect your family from harmful content online while ensuring a safer browsing experience for everyone.

Bonus Tips:

- Consider setting up parental controls on your PC or router for additional protection.
- Educate your family members about internet safety and responsible browsing habits.
- Regularly update your chosen DNS server's IP addresses for optimal performance and filtering.

By following these steps and implementing these tips, you can create a safer and more enjoyable online environment for your family.

Feel free to share this guide with friends and family to help them set up family-safe DNS on their Windows PCs too!

Remember: Even with family-safe DNS, parental supervision and open communication are essential for ensuring responsible and safe internet use.

