

Thumb Cellular Not Releasing Phone Numbers
Local Wireless Carrier Wants Consumer to be Informed

The latest email craze stating that all cellular telephone numbers will be released to telemarketing companies over the next few weeks has many wireless users nervous. Many Thumb area residents can breathe easier, at least if they have Thumb Cellular as their service provider.

“We are not releasing any of our phone number information,” said Paul Picklo, general manager of Thumb Cellular. “We have gotten numerous phone calls and people coming in with these questions, but we have never released any of our information, and we do not intend to do so at any time.”

One thing that consumers need to be aware of is that if they list their cellular number on any type of form or application as their primary contact number, telemarketing companies could pick those cellular numbers up off lists that they purchase.

“Many people are using their cellular phone as their primary phone now, and if they give the number out or list it on certain forms, such as credit card applications, it’s possible that those lists are being sold to telemarketing companies,” said Brent Wehner, sales manager at Thumb Cellular.

One thing that Picklo did say was that if consumers are still concerned about this, they can easily list their cellular phone number on the DO NOT CALL LIST, and that may help alleviate their worries.

The National DO NOT CALL LIST can be reached at 888-382-1222 or you can go online to www.donotcall.gov.

Federal Communications Commission regulations prohibit telemarketers from using automated dialers to call cell phone numbers. To learn more about the National DO NOT CALL LIST, visit the Federal Trade Commission website at www.ftc.gov.