

Sarreyer has had electricity since 1916. In 1940 there was only one telephone in the village. Although electricity was mainly used for lighting at first, over the course of a century it became an essential source of energy for domestic and professional needs as well as communication. Sarreyer has been connected to the regional cable network since 1989. It receives news from all over the world thanks to over 200 TV channels and, since 1997, a very high-speed internet connection. To keep up to date with the latest technological developments, the copper cables were replaced by fibre optics in 2008. Every time you visit a site, every time you access the Internet and every phone call you make is transformed into light waves. They travel at the speed of light between Sarreyer and Sateldranse in Le Châble then are sent all over the world to gather information. The inhabitants of Sarreyer are connected to the web thanks to this underground network worthy of Europe's major cities. This diagram shows where all the cables are buried at a depth of around 80 centimetres; the red lines are for the electricity cables, the green lines are for the TV cables and the blue lines show the main sections.