

Repeater Operations & Etiquette

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- * Repeaters are located on hill tops to increase their “foot print”.
 - * Listen First “NY5L Listening”
- * Give your name, sometimes with “phonetics”
- * Use Round Tables to allow for more participants
- * Keep transmissions short
- * Provide wait time when turning it over, to allow for priority use.
- * Allow times for repeaters to reset. Especially necessary when using linked repeaters or operating through a Mega- Link System

- * Join clubs to sponsor & support repeaters
- * ID at beginning and end, CLEARLY & at least every 10 minutes; do not ID too often
- * Keep things up-beat and friendly, avoid politics & controversial issues
- * Selling of ham radio equipment permitted (infrequently)
- * Avoid CB lingo: What’s your handle, 10-4 good buddy, What’s your 20?, Hi Hi, My QTH? LOL...

- * Allow directed calls to make connection
- * Avoid “Kurcunks” without an ID
- * Rush hour/commuting times are busy. Keep chats short to allow for emergency calls
- * Use “Priority” or “Emergency” to jump-in for emergency or priority calls
- * NM’s The Mega-Link System is about 30 repeaters located throughout the State that permits State-Wide coverage with just a HT.