

Wireless Phone Messages

Most digital cell phones have the ability to receive short text messages. This is sometimes called short message service (SMS) or text paging.

To receive short text messages on your cellular, you first need to make sure your phone is capable of receiving text messages, and that your cellular service provider offers text messaging. Most carriers charge a small fee for each message and offer message plans to reduce this cost.

Once you know you can receive text messages, you need to find out what your cell phone's email address is. Yes, your **phone** has an email address! When someone sends a message to this address, it will get turned into an SMS message and it will appear on your phone, often within seconds after it was sent.

If the message is longer than your cellular carrier permits, it will either be truncated or split into two or more messages. But you shouldn't have that problem with our messages, because all of our messages are specially designed to fit within the constraints of SMS messaging.

Do you have to have a cell phone to subscribe to our mailing list? Of course not! Any email address will work. Once you're on our mailing list, you'll get an email right after we buy or sell or move a stop. And it doesn't matter whether you're using a cell phone, an alphanumeric pager, a Palm, a Windows XP computer, a Mac computer, or a Cray supercomputer to read it. Everybody gets the same thing -- just plain text, 100 characters or less.

Want to know how to get SMS on your phone? Don't know your address? Check the table on the next page for details on some common US & Canadian cell phone carriers and their SMS services.
(updated 05/21/08)

Please **test** your wireless email address and make sure it is set up to receive emails before giving it to us. You are responsible for making sure that we have a working wireless email address.

We are not responsible for you not receiving an email.

USA

Provider	Message service	Maximum message length *	What's my address? Example:	For more information
Alltel	Text Messaging	300 characters	[10-digit phone number]@message.Alltel.com 1112223333@message.Alltel.com	more info web form
AT&T Wireless (and formerly Cingular)	Text Messaging	160 characters	[10-digit phone number]@txt.att.net 1112223333@txt.att.net	more info how to send
Boost Mobile	Text Messaging	500 characters	[10-digit phone number]@myboostmobile.com 1112223333@myboostmobile.com	more info web form
Metro PCS	TextTalk	185 characters	[10-digit pager number]@mymetropcs.com 1112223333@mymetropcs.com	more info
Nextel	Mobile Messaging, Two-Way Messaging	140 characters	[10-digit telephone number]@messaging.nextel.com 1112223333@messaging.nextel.com	more info web form
Quest	Text Messaging	160 characters	[10-digit telephone number]@qwestmp.com 1112223333@qwestmp.com	more info web form
Sprint PCS (also owns Nextel, but separate messaging)	Text Messaging	160 characters	[10-digit telephone number]@messaging.sprintpcs.com 1112223333@messaging.sprintpcs.com	more info web form
SunCom	SunCom Messaging	110	[10-digit phone number]@tms.suncom.com 1112223333@tms.suncom.com	more info web form
T-Mobile (& formerly Voicestream Wireless)	2-Way Text Messaging	160 characters	[10-digit phone number]@tmomail.net 1112223333@tmomail.net	more info web form
Tracfone	Text Messaging	Depends on carrier	Tracfone uses several carriers, CLICK HERE to identify the carrier, then use that carriers link	more info
USA Mobility (& formerly Metrocall)	various phone & pager services	80 to 200 characters, depending on subscription plan	[10-digit number]@page.metrocall.com 1112223333@page.metrocall.com	more info web form
Verizon	Text Messaging	160 characters	[10-digit phone number]@vtext.com 1112223333@vtext.com	more info web form
Virgin Mobile USA	Text Messaging	160 characters	[10-digit phone number]@vmobl.com 1112223333@vmobl.com	more info web form

Canada

Provider	Message service	Maximum message length *	What's my address? Example:	For more information
Bell Mobility	Text Messaging	140 characters	[10-digit phone number]@txt.bell.ca 1112223333@txt.bell.ca	more info web form
Fido	Text Messaging	160 characters	[10-digit phone number]@fido.ca 1112223333@fido.ca	more info web form
Rogers	Text Messaging	160 characters	[10-digit phone number]@pcs.rogers.com 1112223333@pcs.rogers.com	more info web form
TELUS	Text Messaging	140 characters	[10-digit phone number]@msg.telus.com 1112223333@msg.telus.com	more info web form

*maximum message length usually includes headers (to:, from:, and subject: lines) in addition to the message body.

To use, compose a short email message using less than total characters in your email program and address it to the cellular number at the carrier's text message email address. Remember to remove your signature from the message before sending. Minimize the from, to, and subject fields as their characters are usually counted in the total characters, and come first.

Or, click on the Web Form link for that carrier and use their web form to send the text message.

Or, send the text message directly to the 10 digit wireless number from your wireless device, regardless of carrier. Note that with international, you will need to add the appropriate international access codes.

For the phones that only support plain text messages, the carriers will strip multipart HTML, so you don't need to remember to switch to plain text format.