

How to send a text message from your email account

Step 1: Using the email client of your choice, compose your email. You can use either your smartphone or your computer to do write it.

Step 2: Instead of entering an email address in the recipient box, insert the 10-digit phone number of the person you're trying to reach.

Step 3: Once entered, tack on the appropriate “@gateway” address behind the phone number. Below, we've put together a list of some of the most common service providers in the United States and their corresponding gateway addresses.

Carrier	SMS gateway domain	MMS gateway domain
AT&T	[insert 10-digit number]@txt.att.net	[insert 10-digit number]@mms.att.net

Boost Mobile	[insert 10-digit number]@sms.myboostmo bile.com	[insert 10-digit number]@myboostmob ile.com
Cricket Wireless	[insert 10-digit number]@mms.cricketwire less.net	[insert 10-digit number]@mms.cricket wireless.net
Google Project Fi	[insert 10-digit number]@msg.fi.google.co m	[insert 10-digit number]@msg.fi.googl e.com
Republic Wireless	[insert 10-digital number]@text.republicwir eless.com	

Sprint	[insert 10-digit number]@messaging.sprint pcs.com	[insert 10-digit number]@pm.sprint.co m
Straight Talk	[insert 10-digital number]@vtext.com	[insert 10-digit number]@mypixmessa ges.com
T- Mobile	[insert 10-digit number]@tmomail.net	[insert 10-digit number]@tmomail.net
Ting	[insert 10-digit number]@message.ting.co m	
Tracfon e	[depends on underlying carrier]	[insert 10-digit number]@mmst5.tracfo ne.com

U.S. Cellular	[insert 10-digit number]@email.uscc.net	[insert 10-digit number]@mms.uscc.net
Verizon	[insert 10-digit number]@vtext.com	[insert 10-digit number]@vzwpx.com
Virgin Mobile	[insert 10-digit number]@vmobl.com	[insert 10-digit number]@vmpix.com

Keep in mind that if you're trying to send an email that's more than 160 characters long, it will often be sent through the [Multimedia Message Service](#) (MMS). If the person you're messaging doesn't have a messaging plan that includes Multimedia Messaging, then they will not receive the message, or they may be charged an extra fee to open the message. Some carriers also offer email to MMS gateways — detailed in the table above — so if you'd like to send a message that's more than 160 characters, use an MMS gateway instead of an SMS gateway.

One other thing to note is that some carriers don't operate their own mobile networks. In the list above, Boost, Cricket Wireless, Republic Wireless, Straight Talk, Ting, and Tracfone are mobile virtual network operators (MVNO). This means they piggyback on other operators' cell towers, depending on where you are in the United States. Because of this, you may sometimes need to enter a gateway address belonging to

either Sprint, T-Mobile, Verizon, AT&T, rather than those in the above list.