

12: 3G SHUTDOWN

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SUMMARY

The cell phone carriers are slowly but surely shutting 3G service. If you keep your ancient 3G cell phone, you might still be able to use it at Wi-Fi hotspots and/or with an Ethernet adapter.

TOPICS

- 3G Shutdowns That Are Pending
- If you are still using an old AT&T 3G phone..
- Most 3G phones will still work through Wi-Fi and/or Ethernet adapters

3G SHUTDOWNS PENDING

- https://www.phonearena.com/news/t-mobile-verizon-att-sprint-2g-3g-4g-lte-network-shut-down-date_id134159

T-Mobile and Sprint 3G/2G/4G LTE network shutdown dates

- Sprint 2G/3G CDMA network shutdown date: April 1, 2022 (formerly January 1, 2022)
- Sprint 4G LTE network sunset date: June 30, 2022
- T-Mobile 3G network shutdown date: April 1, 2022 (formerly October 1st, 2021)
- T-Mobile 2G network shutdown date: January 1, 2023

Verizon 3G network shutdown date

- Verizon 3G network sunset: January 1, 2023

3G PHONES ARE BEING REPLACED BY AT&T FOR FREE

- <https://bgr.com/tech/att-shut-down-3g-network-free-phone/>

IF YOUR 3G PHONE NO LONGER HAS 3G CELLULAR SERVICE:

- You will be unable to dial cellular 911 with it
- You might still be able to make phone calls if the phone has an app such as Facebook Messenger or the not-free version of Skype that has a real phone number assigned to it.

IF YOUR 3G PHONE NO LONGER HAS 3G CELLULAR SERVICE:

- <https://www.wdsu.com/article/how-will-the-3g-shutdown-impact-you/39172866#>

IF YOUR 3G PHONE NO LONGER HAS 3G CELLULAR SERVICE:

- <https://www.pcmag.com/how-to/connect-phone-tablet-to-internet-ethernet-cable>
(The photo in the article is incorrect: Connect the Ethernet adapter to a LAN port of the Internet-connected router, NOT the WAN port.)