

Google voice allows you to port or move your existing cellphone number to their service for a one time \$20 fee.

They currently only support the following cellphone carriers: Alltel, AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon.

Number porting is very common in the cellular world. People are regularly changing carriers, but retaining their number thanks to number portability. Due to this, the various cellular carriers have developed and automated porting process. Where as landline carriers do not currently have and automated process, and still manually provision the port requests.

This is why you can currently only port to Google voice from cellular carriers.

However, many people have successfully ported their landline numbers to Google by first porting their landline to a prepaid AT&T Go Phone.

First check if your existing landline number can be ported to AT&T:

<http://www.wireless.att.com/cell-phone-service/transfer-your-number/index.jsp>

The screenshot shows the AT&T website interface for transferring a number. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'EXPLORE', 'SHOP', 'SUPPORT', and 'MY ACCOUNT'. Below that, a main banner features a couple looking at a laptop, with a speech bubble asking 'want to transfer your number to AT&T? It's easy!'. A 'Check Eligibility' form is present with fields for phone number and ZIP code, and a 'Check Eligibility' button. To the right, there's a section for 'Already Have Wireless Service from AT&T?' with a 'Log in to your myWireless account' link and a list of benefits. Below the form, there's a 'Tips on How to Keep Your Number' section with two bullet points. The page also includes a search bar, a shopping cart icon, and a 'Done' notification at the bottom.

Once you have confirmed that is is possible, either buy a Go Phone locally or though the AT&T online store. The cheapest phone is about \$20.00.

If you buy it though their store, you can specify that you want to port your number. Apparently the phone will be shipped all set for your existing number.

Else if you buy a Go Phone locally, you can call 888-898-7685 to place the porting request.

It may take 5-7 days for a landline port. Once the port request has been placed you can check on the status of it at: <http://att.com/port>

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To check the status of your number transfer/port request, enter your telephone number below.

Porting Number:

Note: Major wireless service providers usually respond to port requests within minutes however, landline service providers and wireless resellers may take longer. If your port status is in progress, please check again in 30 minutes for a response.

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Done

Once it says it is confirmed, there will be a date listed on when the number will be moved to the new service provider. You should call the AT&T port number (888-898-7685) after that time and speak to a customer service rep to complete the switch. (You should call from a phone other than your landline and AT&T go phone)

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Number Transfer/Port Status

The current status of your number transfer/port request is listed below.

Port Results

Your number transfer/port request has been confirmed by your previous service provider.

Your port status is: Confirmed
Expected Date of Port Completion 04/05/2011
Expected Time of Port Completion 10:13 AM

Check Another Number Transfer/Port Status

To check the status of another number transfer/port request, enter the number you are porting below.

Porting Number:

Note: Please check back again to view any status updates on your number transfer/port request.

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Done

After that time your old landline number should ring your AT&T Go Phone.

Make and take a few test calls to ensure it is working properly.

To port your now converted landline number to google voice, you will need your AT&T account number (12 digit number). Your phone number is not your gophone account number, you must call ATT customer service from your gophone (611) and request it. Once you have that, login to google voice and click on your existing assigned google phone number. From there you will see a Change/Port option to click on.

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1. Check number
2. Review porting conditions
3. Account information
4. Confirm transaction
5. Checkout

Congratulations. Your mobile number can be ported.

Things to understand before porting your number to Google Voice:

- The cost of porting is \$20.00 (payable through Google Checkout).
- Your mobile phone service plan will be terminated when you port your number to Google Voice and your carrier may charge you an early termination fee.
- Once porting is complete, **you will not be able to receive calls to your mobile phone until you complete the following steps:**
 - Google Voice is not a mobile phone service provider, so you must **setup a new mobile phone service plan** (with your existing carrier or a new carrier) and request a new number.
 - Once you've secured a new mobile service plan and a new number, you will need to **add this new number to your Google Voice account** as a forwarding phone.
- You may be unable to receive text messages for up to 3 business days after the porting process is complete.
- Your Google Voice number will be replaced by the number you are porting. It will remain on your account for 90 days.
- I understand the risks associated with porting my number to Google Voice and want to continue with the porting process.

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Then it will verify the phone number you are requesting to port in by calling you. And if successful you will next be prompted for the AT&T account information.

Account number

Service provider
AT&T

Account holder's first name

Account holder's last name

Account billing address

City

State

Zip code

Lastly you'll be brought to the google checkout where you can pay the \$20 porting fee by charge card.

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Your request to port is in process.

A few reminders about porting:

- Your number should be ported within 24 hours. Text messages may take up to 3 business days to be received at your number.
- Once porting is complete, you will not be able to receive calls to your mobile phone until you complete the following steps:
 - **Set up a new mobile phone service plan** (with your existing carrier or a new carrier) and request a new number.
 - **Add this new number to your Google Voice account** as a [forwarding phone](#) in order to receive calls on your mobile phone.
- If you already have a Google number on this Google Voice Account, it will be replaced by the number that you are porting and will be completely removed from your account 90 days after porting is complete. During those 90 days you will still be able to receive calls to that number.

Questions? Visit the [Help Center](#) to learn more.

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After 24 hours your original landline number should replace your google number.

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Your port to Google Voice is complete. Here are a few important things to remember:

- Now that porting is complete, you will not be able to receive calls to your mobile phone until you complete the following steps:
 - **Set up a new mobile phone service plan** (with your existing carrier or a new carrier) and request a new number.
 - **Add this new number to your Google Voice account** as a [forwarding phone](#) in order to receive calls on your mobile phone.
- If you already have a Google number on this Google Voice Account, it will be replaced by the number that you are porting and will be completely removed from your account 90 days after porting is complete. During those 90 days you will still be able to receive calls to that number.

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Now when someone calls your old landline number, you can have it ring your old house phones using an OBi110 analog telephone adapter, and make calls from the house phones just like you always have, and also have the call forward to your cellphone (and/or your wifes cellphone). And if you change cellphones, you can easily update the forwarding on google voice.

You can setup time conditions where you can have the old number only forward to your cellphone say from 9am-5pm. Or only if certain people call. (groups)... etc.

You can have voicemails automatically transcribed to text and emailed to you if you want.

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Phones Voicemail & Text Calls Groups Call Widgets Billing Account

Your Google Voice Number

[redacted] Converted landline number

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