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Use Your Phone as a Hotspot During a Power or Internet Outage

If your home internet or power goes out but your phone still has a cell signal, you can usually get your laptop back online within a minute using your phone as a hotspot. This guide covers how to turn it on, on both iPhone and Android.

Why this helps during an outage

A phone hotspot is a bridge to get you through, not a full replacement for home internet.

Works when home internet is down

A storm or outage can take down your router without touching cell service.

Only needs a cell signal

If your phone shows bars, it can usually still get online.

Watch your data plan

A hotspot uses your phone's cellular data, so keep an eye on usage.

Use your phone as a hotspot, step by step

HOTSPOT**Internet down, but your phone still has signal?**

Turn your phone into a hotspot and get your laptop back online in under a minute.

WHAT TO DO

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**Wi-Fi Router · Model AX3000**

Network Name (SSID)

NC-Office

Wi-Fi Password (WPA Key)

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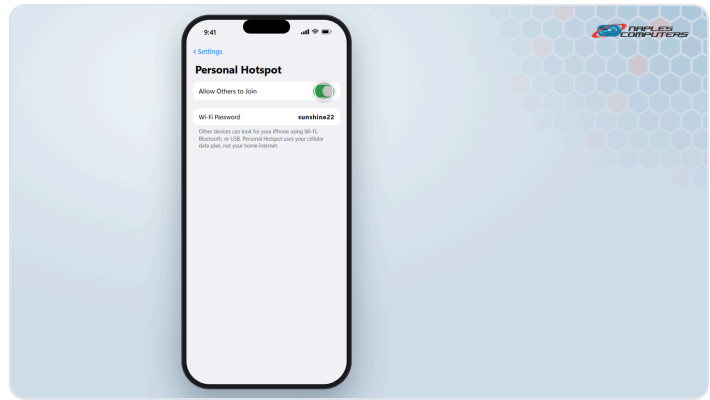
IPHONE

1 iPhone: turn on Personal Hotspot

Open Settings, then Personal Hotspot.

WHAT TO DO

Turn on Allow Others to Join, then use the Wi-Fi password shown on your laptop.



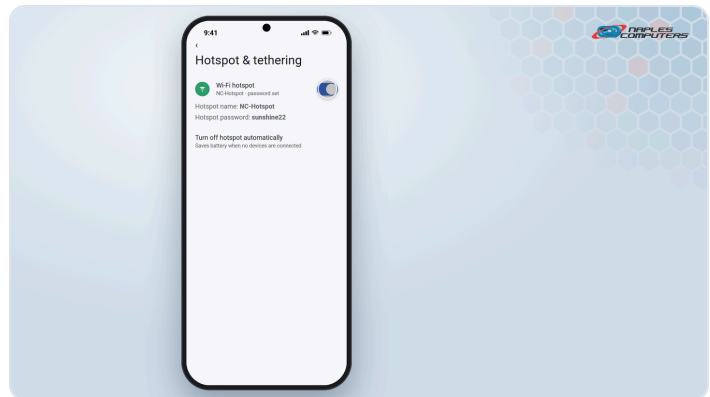
ANDROID

2 Android: turn on Wi-Fi hotspot

Settings → Network & internet → Hotspot & tethering.

WHAT TO DO

Turn on Wi-Fi hotspot, then use the hotspot name and password shown.



A few tips

- ☐ Keep the default password, or set a strong one
Don't leave a hotspot wide open to strangers nearby
- ☐ Keep your phone charged or plugged in
Running a hotspot uses extra battery
- ☐ Treat it as a bridge, not a fix
Great for getting through an outage, not a replacement for home internet

Recap: phone as a hotspot

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| ☐ iPhone: Settings, Personal Hotspot, turn on Allow Others to Join | ☐ Keep it plugged in, and watch your data usage |
| ☐ Android: Settings, Network & internet, Hotspot & tethering | ☐ Need help staying connected? Call Naples Computers |
| ☐ Join using the name and password shown on your phone | |

A hotspot uses your phone's cellular data plan, not your home internet, so keep an eye on usage, and keep the phone plugged in since running a hotspot drains the battery faster.



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