

How to Change Your Wi-Fi Password on a NETGEAR Router

Ideally this should be done when your computer is connected via ethernet cable to the router, otherwise you're phone/laptop will disconnect from wifi when you change the password and you'll need to reconnect.

Changing your Wi-Fi password can help improve the security of your home network and prevent unauthorized devices from connecting. Images in this guide may vary slightly depending on the exact router model and software version.

What You'll Need

- A computer, smartphone, or tablet connected to your NETGEAR router
 - Your router's administrator username and password
 - A new Wi-Fi password you'd like to use
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Step 1: Open the Router Login Page

1. Open a web browser (Chrome, Edge, Safari, Firefox, etc.).
2. In the address bar, enter one of the following:

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If that does not work, try:

<http://192.168.1.1>

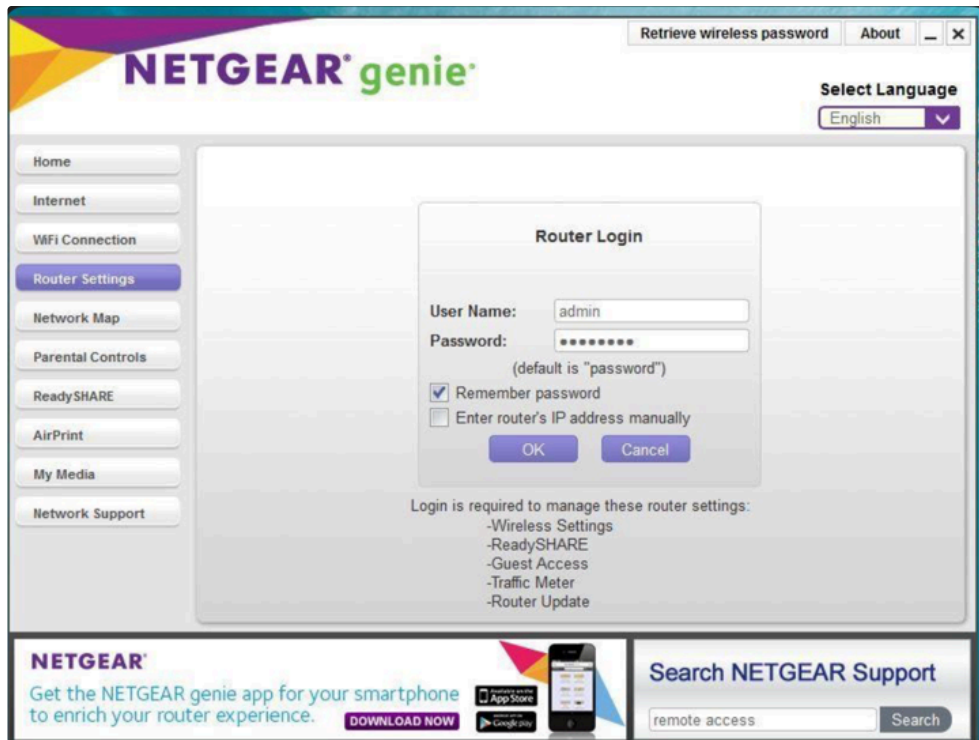
or

<http://192.168.0.1>

3. Press Enter.
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Step 2: Log In

When prompted, enter your router administrator credentials.



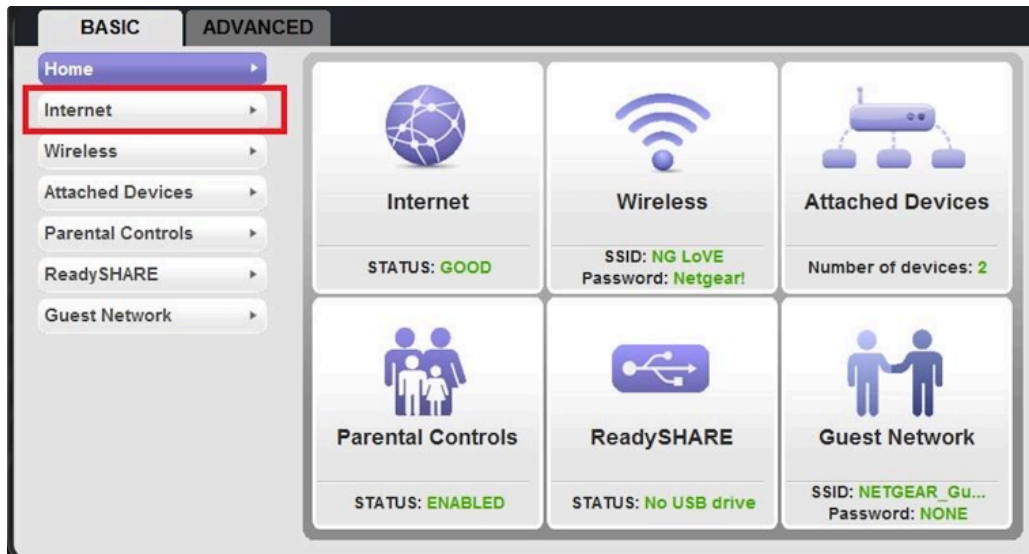
Default credentials (if never changed):

- Username: admin
- Password: password

Note: If these credentials do not work, use the administrator password that was previously configured on the router, or the password printed on the label on the bottom of the router.

Step 3: Open Wireless Settings

After logging in:



1. Select Wireless or Wireless Settings from the menu.
2. Locate the wireless settings for your network.

You may see separate settings for:

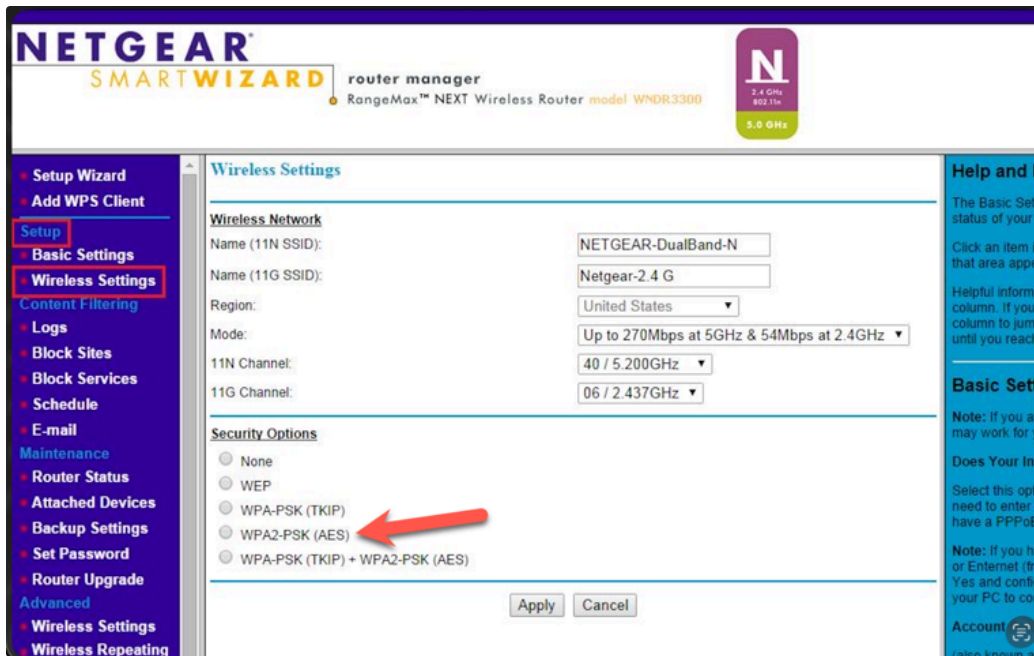
- 2.4 GHz Wi-Fi
- 5 GHz Wi-Fi

Step 4: Change the Wi-Fi Password

Locate the field labeled (Make sure **WPA2-PSK (AES)** is selected):

- Password
- Passphrase
- Network Key

Delete the current password and enter your new Wi-Fi password.



Password Recommendations

Use a password that:

- Is at least 12 characters long
- Contains uppercase and lowercase letters
- Includes numbers
- Includes special characters such as !, @, #, or \$

Example:

NorthernWireless!2026

Step 5: Save Your Changes

Click Apply or Save.

The router may take a minute to update the wireless settings.

Step 6: Reconnect Your Devices

Once the new password is saved:

1. Phones, tablets, laptops, TVs, cameras, and other devices may disconnect.
2. Reconnect each device to your Wi-Fi network.
3. Enter the new Wi-Fi password when prompted.

Troubleshooting

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Try:

<http://192.168.1.1>

or

<http://192.168.0.1>

I Forgot the Router Administrator Password

If you no longer know the router's administrator password, the router may need to be reset to factory defaults.

Warning: A factory reset erases all custom settings.

To reset:

1. Locate the RESET button on the back of the router.
2. Press and hold it for 10 seconds.
3. Wait for the router to reboot.

After resetting, you can log in using the default credentials listed above.

Need Help?

If you need assistance changing your Wi-Fi password, please contact Northern Wireless Support. Some routers do not offer remote management and will have to be done in-person.

- Phone: 218-514-0118
- Email: support@northern-wireless.com
- Customer Portal: <https://support.northern-wireless.com>

Our support team is happy to help.