Listening to NPR with Alexa

Below are all of the NPR-friendly commands available for Alexa. Keep this near your device for easy reference.

When you enable the NPR skill on Alexa, you can choose between two experiences to listen to. Make sure to access local journalism by connecting to your local NPR station. Just say, “Alexa, ask NPR to change my station.”

LISTEN TO LOCAL RADIO ON NPR

“Alexa, play NPR.”
Stream your local NPR Member station – live.

“Alexa, ask NPR to play [any Member station’s call letters].”
Stream live from any public radio station by saying the station name or call letters, e.g., “Alexa, play WAMU,” or, “Alexa, play Nashville Public Radio.” To find any NPR Member station in the country, check out npr.org/stations.

For more ways to listen to NPR on Alexa, visit npr.org/Alexa.

LISTEN TO LOCAL AND NATIONAL NEWS ON NPR

“Alexa, play the news from NPR.”
Hear your personalized mix of national and local stories, powered by NPR One.

While listening to the news, you can say:

“Alexa, skip.”
Skip the current story and move on to the next one.

“Alexa, ask NPR to [fast-forward or rewind]”
Rewind or fast-forward by seconds or minutes – however long you prefer.

“Alexa, ask NPR what’s playing.”
Get details about your current story.

“Alexa, ask NPR to mark this as interesting.”
Tell NPR you found a story interesting.

LISTEN TO A PODCAST

“Alexa, ask NPR to play [podcast name] podcast.”
Play the latest episode of a specific NPR podcast. Be sure to say “podcast” after the show name.

FOR ALEXA DEVICES WITH A SCREEN

Say, “Alexa, play the news from NPR” to receive our visual newscast. Hosted by the same voices you know and love from our daily audio newscast, the NPR visual newscast is updated hourly every weekday morning with the latest headlines and footage for a quick look at what’s going on in the news, now.

LINK YOUR NPR ACCOUNT TO THE NPR SKILL

Linking your NPR account to your Alexa skill means that your settings and preferences will be saved between your NPR One mobile app and the Alexa skill. Here’s how to link your accounts.