



3-3-3 RADIO PLAN - The Survivalist Radio Schedule

This is the “When, Where, and How” to make radio contact with each other for SHTF. The 333 Radio Plan was designed for SHTF communications, when normal methods of communication fail. Versions of the 3-3-3 are used by survivalist, prepper, and emergency communications groups worldwide. It is based on the easy-to-remember “Survival Rule of Threes”. It is often called an emergency radio schedule or *sked*.

ABOUT THE 3-3-3 RADIO PLAN

Here’s how the 3-3-3 Radio Plan works:

Turn on your radio. Every 3 hours. For 3 minutes. Channel 3.

WHEN: EVERY 3 HOURS

Always use your Local Time for local area communications with the 3-3-3 Radio Plan. At the “top of the hour”, each 3 hours: Noon, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm. Midnight, 3am, 6am, 9am.

HOW LONG: FOR 3 MINUTES

At the top of every 3rd hour, turn on your radio. Even if you don’t need to make a call yourself, always turn on your radio and listen for calls for at least 3 minutes. This is because you never know if someone may be trying to reach you or may need help. If you need to check in, make a short transmission currently. Say “This is me, just checking in.” If you have sufficient battery power, or if you have not connected in for a while, then you should listen for 15 minutes.

ACCURATE TIME KEEPING

Synchronize your watch with others whenever possible. If you doubt your watch accuracy, compensate by keeping your radio on for a longer duration, before and after every 3rd hour. If you don’t have a watch, try listening to an AM broadcast radio station, they always identify their call letters at the top of each hour.

WHERE: CHANNEL 3

Channel 3 usually applies to CB, FRS, or MURS. These are the most common types of radios used. If your group has a different designated SHTF channel or Prepper SHTF HAM frequency, you should use it instead of Channel 3.

For example, the ham 2 meter simplex calling channel 146.520 MHz. The rest of the 3-3-3 Radio Plan remains the same. Keep it simple.

HOW IT WORKS: FEATURES OF THE 3-3-3 RADIO PLAN

1. Easy for everyone to remember the “Rule of Three”.
2. Conserves precious battery life for walkie talkies.
3. Gets everyone on the air at the same time.
4. Sets a schedule of 8 times per day to call each other.
5. Avoids impractical hourly schedules.
6. Enables the use of short transmissions for optimum success and security.
7. Three hours is enough time to rest in a survival situation.
8. A person can walk 8 miles in 3 hours, the practical distance limit of handheld radios over average terrain.

Radio Service	Channel Name	Freq Mhz Mode	Description
CB	CB-3AM	26.9850 AM	
CB	CB-9AM	27.0650 AM	
MURS	MURS 1	151.8800 FM	12.50kHz
MURS	MURS 2	151.9400 FM	12.50kHz
MURS	MURS 3	154.5700 FM	20.00kHz
MURS	MURS 4 Green	154.6000 FM	20.00kHz
FRS	FRS-3	462.6125 FM	12.50kHz
GMRS	GMRS-17	462.6000 FM	20.00kHz
GMRS	GMRS Repeater	?????	
HAM HF	HAM 10M	28.3050 USB	
HAM HF	HAM G10M	28.3600 USB	
HAM HF	HAM G10M	29.6000 FM	
HAM HF	HAM 20M	14.2420 USB	
HAM HF	HAM 20M	14.3000 USB	
HAM HF	HAM 40M	7.2420 LSB	
HAM HF	HAM 40M	7.2720 LSB	
HAM HF	HAM 60M	5.3570 USB	
HAM HF	HAM 80M	3.8180 USB	
HAM Vhf	HAM 6M	52.5400 FM	
HAM Vhf	HAM GTARC Vhf	146.8050- FM	PL100.0
HAM Vhf	HAM 52	146.5200 FM	
HAM Vhf	HAM 55	146.5500 FM	
HAM Vhf	HAM 58	146.5800 FM	
HAM Uhf	HAM 00	446.0000 FM	
HAM Uhf	HAM 03	446.0300 FM	

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