

What Do You Mean By Treasured Voice Mail Messages?

For thousands of people, a saved voicemail isn't just taking up space on their cell phone or answering machine. It's a message with the voice of the person that they love, speaking to them for what might have been the last time. If you have a recording that is THAT important, you can't just leave it up to chance, hoping that it never gets erased. And backing it up is so easy to do, you'll wonder why you didn't do it months ago!

If The Message Is On An Answering Machine **1**

If the message is on an **answering machine that uses a cassette tape**, the easiest way to archive it is to simply save the tape.

But when a message is THIS important, you should also back up the cassette tape by recording the message as an MP3 and saving it to your computer as well. You'll find a few great tools that will help you do this, later on in this How-To Sheet. No matter what, be sure to back up the recording to another cassette or MP3 first so you'll have another copy in case the original breaks



Or A Machine With A Digital Chip... **2**

If the message is on an **answering machine with a digital chip**, play the message and record it onto a digital recorder, cassette or directly to your computer, using [Sound Recorder \(Windows/PC\)](#) or [QuickTime \(Mac\)](#), to make it into an MP3 that you can keep for posterity.



If The Message Is On Voicemail **3**

If the message is on **voice mail (or on cassette)**, our favorite tool to use for back up is the [MiCorder](#), from Olens Technology.

With MiCorder you can record any kind of audio from any device, as long as it has a headphone jack, and turn it directly into an MP3. Just put the patch cord (included) into your cellphone's headphone jack, hit record, play the message and MiCorder will turn it into an MP3. It also works amazingly well to turn cassettes and vinyl albums into MP3s too.

Leaving It To The Professionals

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If you'd rather leave the archiving to the professionals, go to www.cbwproductions.com. They'll make a copy of any message that's on your cell phone voice mail and email you the MP3 copy or if you would rather, send it to you on a CD.

The next time someone leaves you a message that you never want to lose, do yourself a favor. Take five minutes to back it up.



What's Next?

Well now that you're done Archiving Your Treasured Voice Mails, here are More Amazing Things You Can Do In 5 Minutes Or Less

[Create Your Family's Evacuation Plan](#)

[Download and Back Up Your Digital Photos](#)

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[Save Your Albums & Cassettes As MP3s](#)

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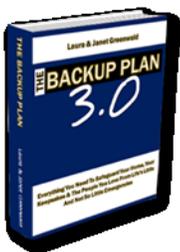
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