

Important changes  
from 24 March 2008

## Stay tuned to RTÉ Radio 1

RTÉ Radio 1's Medium Wave (MW) service will close down on 24 March 2008.

You will need to retune your radio if you listen to RTÉ Radio 1 on MW.

**RTÉ** Radio



## What is happening to MW?

- On 24 March 2008, RTÉ's MW broadcast will close down
- MW listeners should retune to RTÉ Radio 1 on FM

### Why is the service closing?

- The audience for the MW service is very small
- The vast majority of the RTÉ Radio 1 audience listens to the superior sound of FM
- MW broadcasting is inefficient and out of date; with poor quality reception and audio
- MW is inconsistent with environmental best practise and represents poor value for money

**RTÉ Radio 1 is also available on nationwide stereo FM, on Long Wave (LW) 252 and on a variety of other platforms such as satellite television (for details see back page).**



**I listen on FM.  
What should I do?**

This change will not affect you. FM service remains unchanged.

**How will I find MW  
programme options  
such as sport or  
religious services?**

These are available on LW 252. See 'Tuning to Long Wave' in this booklet for more details.

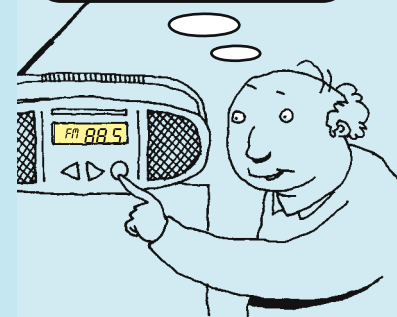
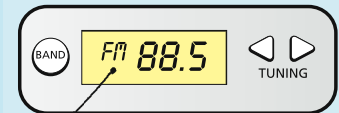
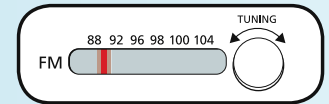
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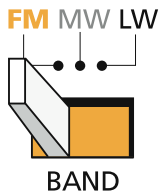
If you're a MW listener, you will need to retune to FM between 88 and 90 MHz or to LW 252.

### How do I know which band I am currently listening on?

Check the band switch or letters on the display on your radio. It will be marked with frequency options including some of the following: FM, LW, MW, AM.

Why not retune during a programme you know? That way, you'll be sure you have found the right station.





## Tuning to FM

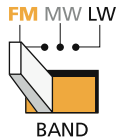
Most people in Ireland listen to RTÉ Radio 1 on FM. This service delivers the best stereo sound you can get.

You'll find RTÉ Radio 1 between 88 and 90 on FM.

(Please note: the Clermont Cairn transmitter in Louth broadcasts on 87.8 FM).

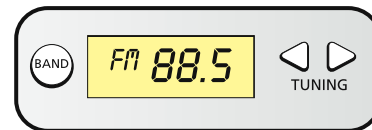
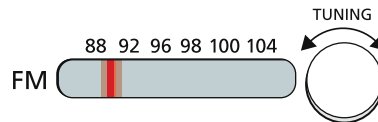
### Step 1

Turn your 'Band' switch or button to FM.



### Step 2

Adjust your 'Tuning' control to RTÉ Radio 1.





### What are the benefits of FM?

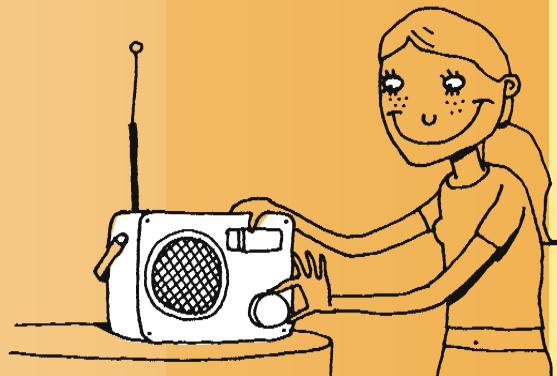
FM provides the best stereo sound quality, particularly for music broadcasts. RTÉ's FM service currently covers 97% of the country.

### How do I find my local FM frequency?

You'll find the frequency for the transmitter nearest you on the right of this page.

### Any problems receiving FM?

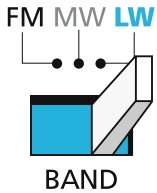
A nationwide FM review is underway to further improve this service. If you experience problems with FM reception please email [fmreview@rte.ie](mailto:fmreview@rte.ie) or call 1850 584 584.



## Choose the RTÉ Radio 1 FM frequency near you

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Achill*            | 89.9 |
| Aranmore           | 89.6 |
| Athlone*           | 89.3 |
| Ballybofey         | 89.7 |
| Ballydavid         | 89.1 |
| Bantry             | 88.7 |
| Cahirciveen        | 89.5 |
| Cairn Hill*        | 89.8 |
| Casla              | 88.4 |
| Castlebar*         | 89.8 |
| Castletownbere     | 88.3 |
| Clermont Cairn     | 87.8 |
| Clifden            | 89.5 |
| Clonmel            | 88.3 |
| Cnoc an óir        | 89.2 |
| Collins Barracks   | 89.7 |
| Cork City          | 89.2 |
| Croaghmoyle, Mayo  | 89.8 |
| Crosshaven         | 88.2 |
| Dungarvan          | 88.5 |
| Fenad              | 89.8 |
| Fermoy             | 89.4 |
| Greystones         | 89.5 |
| Holywell Hill      | 89.2 |
| Kinsale            | 89.0 |
| Kippure            | 89.1 |
| Knockmoyle         | 88.4 |
| Leinch             | 89.7 |
| Limerick           | 89.4 |
| Maamclassach       | 88.7 |
| Maghera            | 88.8 |
| Magheroarty        | 88.8 |
| Malin              | 88.9 |
| Monaghan           | 88.9 |
| Mount Leinster     | 89.6 |
| Moville            | 88.3 |
| Mullaghanish       | 90.0 |
| Spur Hill          | 89.2 |
| Suir Valley        | 89.0 |
| Three Rock, Dublin | 88.5 |
| Truskmore          | 88.2 |
| Waterford          | 88.3 |
| Woodcock           | 89.4 |

\*new or recently changed frequency



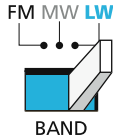
## Tuning to Long Wave

Tune to RTÉ Radio 1 on LW 252 if you have difficulty receiving FM on your radio, or if after 24 March you want to listen to the programme options broadcast on MW.

The LW 252 signal is available throughout Ireland, in Britain and beyond.

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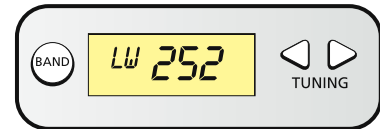
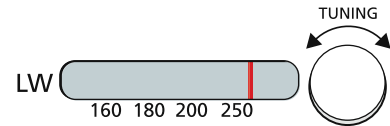
Turn your 'Band' switch or button to Long Wave (LW).

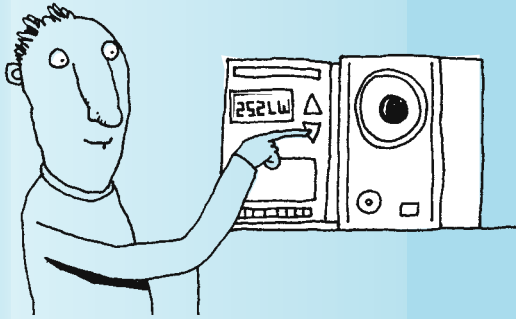


### Step 2

Adjust your 'Tuning' control to RTÉ Radio 1.

Wherever you are, the frequency is 252.





### How do I continue listening to RTÉ Radio 1's religious and sports programme options?

These options will be available on LW 252.

Try retuning today after reading this information.

For more ways to listen to RTÉ Radio 1, including satellite TV and the internet, please see the back page of this booklet.

**Note:** The *Second Helpings* range of repeat programmes will cease on 24 March. Listeners in the DAB digital radio trial area will be able to listen to a range of alternative programmes on our new services. See [www.rte.ie/digitalradio](http://www.rte.ie/digitalradio).

### My radio has AM/FM bands only. Can I get LW 252?

AM usually refers to MW, but on some radios also refers to LW.

This is especially common in car radios. Try pressing your AM button more than once to see if you can tune to '252'.

### What happens if my radio does not have LW?

Some radios don't have LW. You can buy a radio with LW for as little as €8.

Don't forget to try other radios in your home.



If you have any queries...

Contact the RTÉ Information Unit at (01) 208 3434


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RTÉ Radio 1 is available across a variety of media.

Analogue radio  On FM between 88 and 90MHz.  
On LW 252 with extra programmes.

Digital radio  On DAB digital radio, both RTÉ Radio 1 and extra programmes. Trials now on in Greater Dublin and the Northeast coastal area.

Television  NTL digital cable; Channel 901  
Sky digital; Channel 0160  
Virgin Media (NI); Channel 917  
Extra programmes: NTL 920 and Sky 0142

Web, Podcast & downloads  [www.rte.ie/radio](http://www.rte.ie/radio)

Mobile phone  Look for 'Media' in your Menu – many phones now receive FM.

More information about RTÉ

Information about RTÉ, its programmes, services and public commitments can be found at [www.rte.ie](http://www.rte.ie)

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