You almost never have to use iTunes with a modern iPhone, but adding your own custom ringtones still requires it.
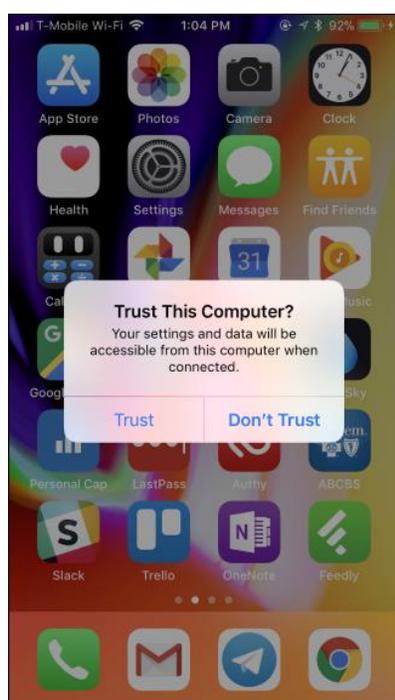
On a Windows PC, you'll need to install [the latest version of iTunes](#) from Apple. On a Mac, iTunes is already installed and ready to go. This process will work on either a Mac or Windows PC.

Once you've downloaded the ringtone file and located in your file browser, follow the steps below.
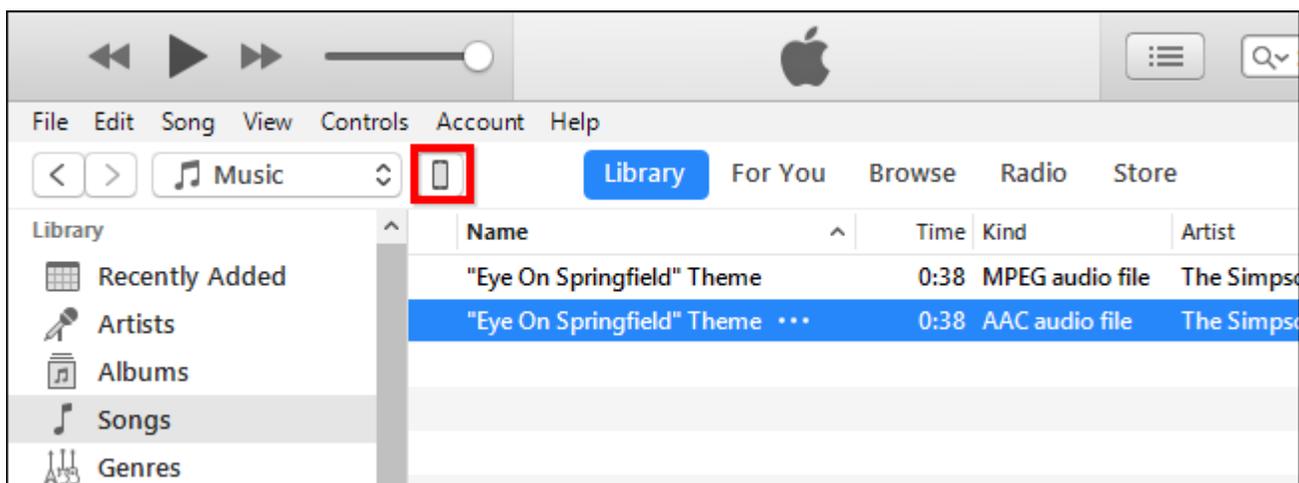
## Adding a ringtone to your iPhone

Conect your iPhone to your PC or Mac with its included USB-to-Lightning cable—that's the same cable you use to charge your iPhone.
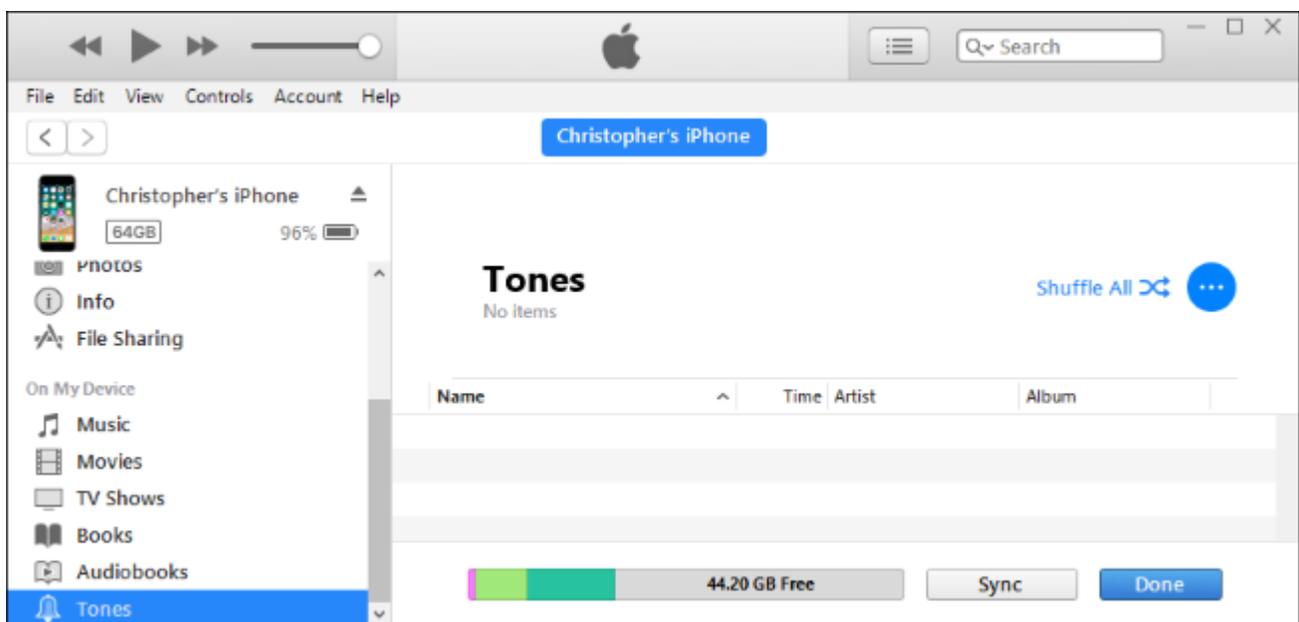
Unlock your iPhone and tap the "Trust" option on its screen to confirm you want to trust your computer if you haven't previously connected your phone to iTunes on that PC or Mac. You'll be prompted to enter your PIN.

In iTunes, click the device icon that appears to the left of "Library" on the navigation bar.
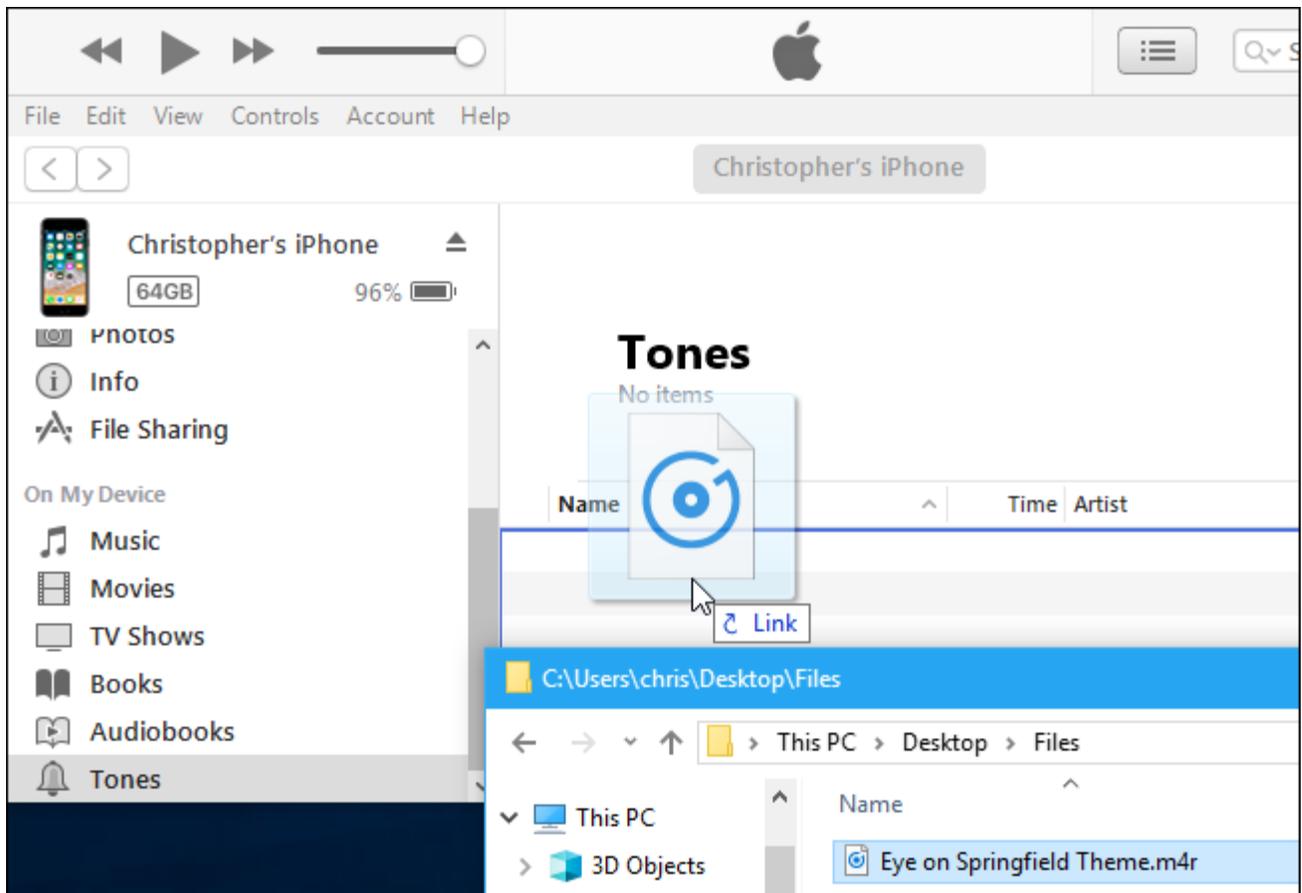


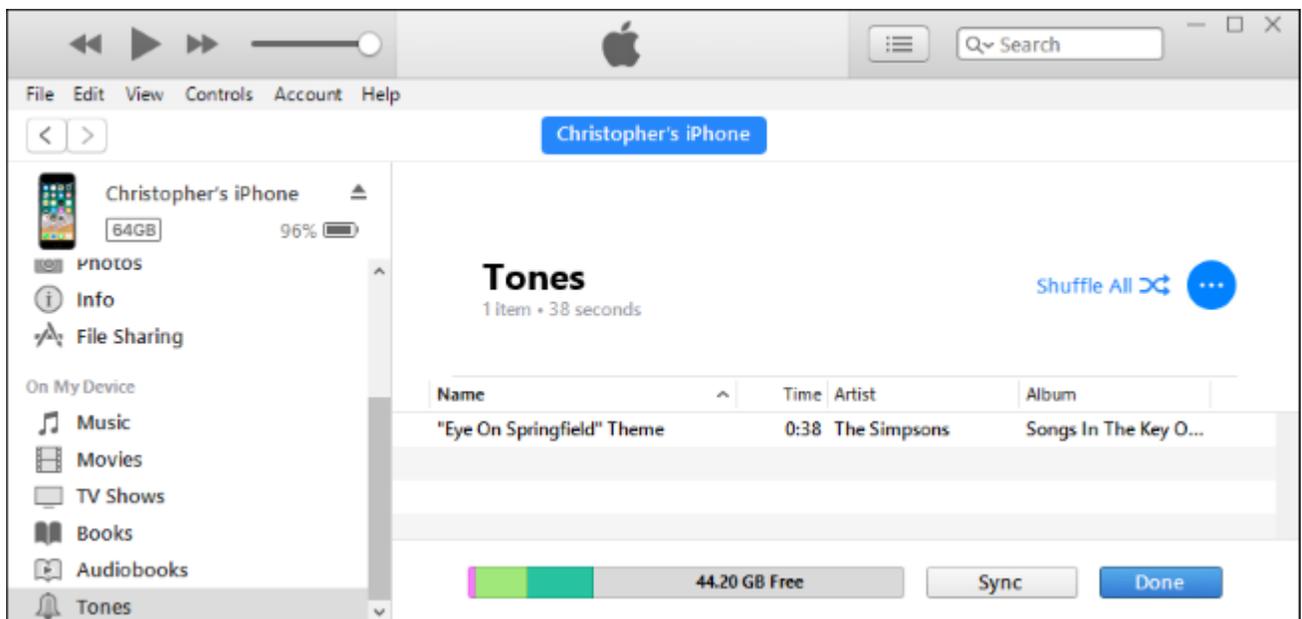Click the "Tones" section under On My Device in the left sidebar.



Drag and drop the .m4r ringtone file from its folder to the Tones section in iTunes.

*Update*: If drag and drop doesn't work, use copy and paste instead. Select the ringtone file in File Explorer and press Ctrl+C, or right-click it and select copy. Next, click inside the Tones list inside iTunes and press Ctrl+V to paste it.
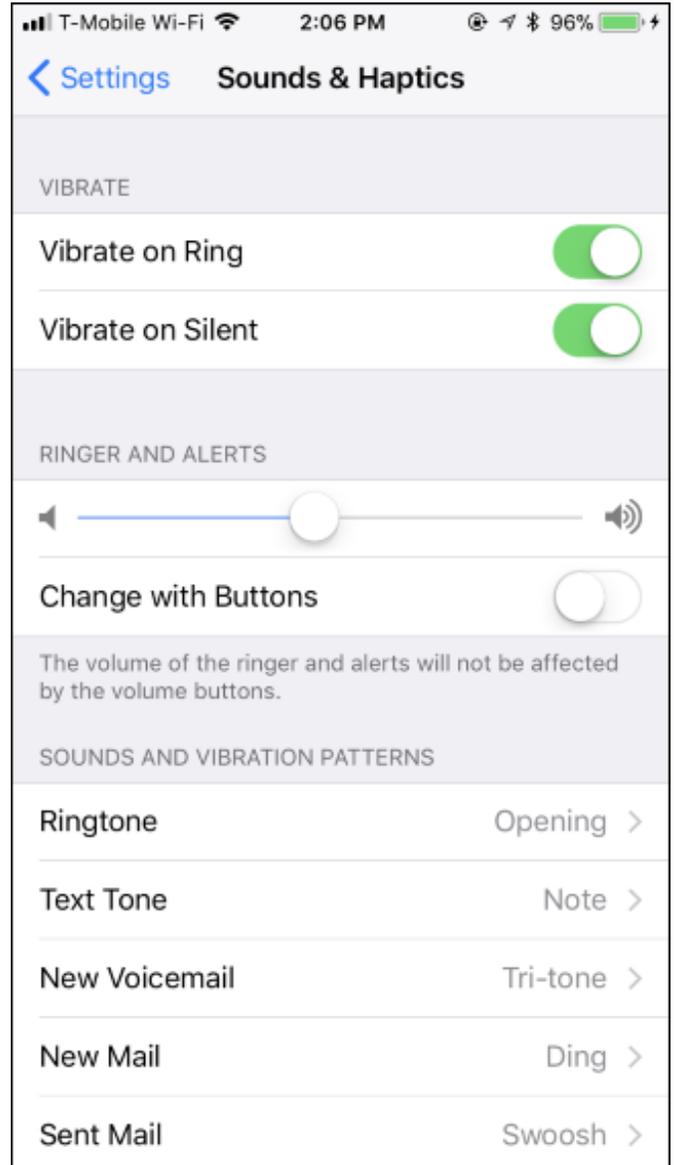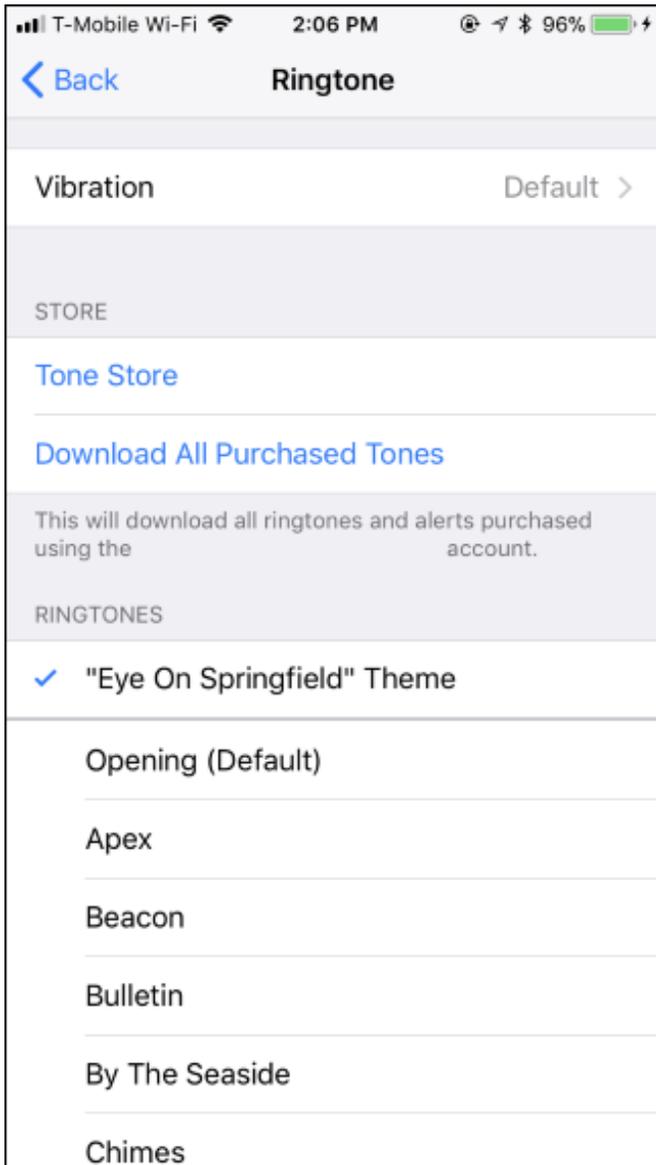
iTunes will sync the ringtone to your phone and it will immediately appear under Tones here.

You can now grab your iPhone and head to Settings > Sounds & Haptics > Ringtone, and choose your custom ringtone. Any custom ringtones you've added will appear at the top of the list here.

You can also assign that ringtone to a specific contact, so you know who's calling just by the sound.

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| **‹ Back**    **Ringtone** | **‹ Settings**    **Sounds & Haptics** |

**Ringtone screen:**

Vibration      Default ›

STORE

Tone Store

Download All Purchased Tones

This will download all ringtones and alerts purchased using the                   account.

RINGTONES

✓ "Eye On Springfield" Theme

Opening (Default)

Apex

Beacon

Bulletin

By The Seaside

Chimes

**Sounds & Haptics screen:**

VIBRATE

Vibrate on Ring     ⬤

Vibrate on Silent     ⬤

RINGER AND ALERTS

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Change with Buttons     ◯

The volume of the ringer and alerts will not be affected by the volume buttons.

SOUNDS AND VIBRATION PATTERNS

Ringtone      Opening ›

Text Tone      Note ›

New Voicemail      Tri-tone ›

New Mail      Ding ›

Sent Mail      Swoosh ›