

THE BIG PICTURE

A World of Antennas

Regardless of the type of radio you own, or the type of signal you choose to transmit or receive, an antenna is essential. Without it, your amateur radio station is useless.

The antenna is the critical component that launches your RF energy into the world, and receives the energy radiated by others. In the earliest days of radio, antennas were sometimes referred to as “skyhooks.” It was an apt metaphor because, like fishing hooks, they connected stations amid the ever-flowing river of signals.

There are dozens of antenna designs in use today, and many variations on these designs. Here are several classic amateur radio antennas that we use for most of our communication needs.

