

## Special Flashing Instructions

When flashing certain routers you must use a different firmware when upgrading from the factory firmware to the ROOter firmware than you would when updating the ROOter firmware.

If this is the first time you are flashing the router with the ROOter firmware, and the router contains the stock factory firmware, then you must use the firmware file with the **img** extension.

For example, if you have a Netgear WNDR3700V1 with the factory firmware in it, you would change it to a ROOter by using the **openwrt-wndr3700-BWyyyy-mm-dd.img** file. This is a special file that the factory firmware will accept as a valid upgrade file.

If you already have the ROOter firmware installed in your router then you must use the file with the **bin** extension.

For example, if you are updating your ROOter to a new firmware version you would use the **openwrt-wndr3700-BWyyyy-mm-dd-update.bin** file. This is the normal ROOter firmware file.

In either case, the firmware will not accept the wrong file so, if you receive an invalid firmware error, use the other file.