

Don't Lose Your Television Signal!

On February 17, 2009, television stations will begin broadcasting in a different way, using only digital signals. Will your TV still receive a signal?

Answer these three questions to find out:



Do you have cable or satellite service?

If yes, your TV will not be affected. You will not need to get a converter box at this time.



Do you have a digital TV?

If you have had your TV for fewer than three years, it probably is digital. Check your owner's manual to find out, or call the manufacturer. If you have a digital TV, you do not need a digital converter box.



Does your TV use rabbit ears or an antenna?

If yes, you will need a digital converter in order to receive a signal. Please read below on how to get coupons to help pay for the digital converter box.

To purchase a digital converter box:

Converter boxes are expected to cost between \$50 and \$70 and be available in retail stores in March or April, 2008. You can receive up to two coupons worth \$40 each to help with the purchase of a converter (one coupon per converter box). Request a coupon by calling 888-DVT-2009 after January 1, 2008; coupons will be mailed after February 17, 2008. Once you have the coupon, you must use it within 90 days or it will expire and you cannot get more. Read about the converter coupon program at www.dtv2009.gov or <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/dtvcoupon/faq.html>.

Don't let your TV go dark on February 17, 2009. If your TV uses rabbit ears or an antenna, you have three choices:

1. Purchase a converter box. (This is the least expensive and you need not spend the money on 2 or 3 below.)
2. Subscribe to cable or satellite service, or
3. Purchase a new digital TV.