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The Digital TV Transition: What You Need to Know

All TV broadcast stations such as ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox and PBS will begin broadcasting exclusively in digital format by June 12, 2009. The switch from analogue to digital broadcast television, will free up frequencies for public safety communications and new commercial wireless services.

Who is affected?

Consumers with analog TV sets that use “rabbit ears” or an outside antenna will be affected.

How do I know if I have an analog or digital TV?

If you’re not sure whether your TV is analog or digital, look for a label on the TV that says: “Integrated Digital Tuner,” “Digital Tuner Built-In,” “Digital Receiver,” or “Digital Tuner,” “DTV,” “ATSC,” or “HDTV.” If your TV has any of those labels, you should not have do anything.

What do I need to do?

- If your television is hooked up to cable, satellite or other pay TV service, you don’t need to do anything - your TV will continue to work.
- If you are a cable or satellite customer but have some TV sets that use “rabbit ears,” you can connect those to your pay TV service
- If you only use a rooftop antenna or “rabbit ears” for all of your TVs, you have three choices:
 - ✓ Buy digital-to-analog converters to use with your TVs
 - ✓ Buy a digital TV
 - ✓ Connect to cable or another video service

How do I get a converter box?

The converters, which are expected to cost \$40 to \$70, can be purchased at an electronics retail store. The government has made discount coupons available that are valued at \$40 each. Each coupon can go toward the purchase of a single set-top converter box that will allow you to continue watching free “over-the-air” television on an analog set. To request coupons, (2 per household), call the 24-hour hotline, 1-888-DTV-2009, or visit www.dtv2009.gov/. There is a limited supply. Once you receive your coupon, you must use it within 90 days. Coupons will no longer be distributed after March 31, 2009 and will no longer be accepted after July 1, 2009.

What if I want to buy a new TV?

When buying a new TV, look for Digital TV as part of the TV’s description. Some TV sets may say Standard Definition Digital TV. Some retailers still carry older analog TV sets. They are required to post notices about TVs that won’t work after the digital transition. You do not have to buy a High Definition TV. The transition is not related high definition, a type of digital signal.

For more information:

<http://www.dtvanswers.com>

www.dtv.gov

www.dtvtransition.org

www.getreadyfordigitaltv.com