

Digital Television Transition (DTV)

Does your TV receive free, regular, over-the-air programs using “rabbit ears” or a rooftop antenna? If so, you will need to take action to continue to receive television service after February 17, 2009.

A new federal law requires television stations to only broadcast in digital beginning February 2009. An important benefit of the switch to all-digital broadcasting is that it will free up parts of the valuable broadcast spectrum for public safety communications (such as police, fire departments and rescue squads). Some of the spectrum will also be auctioned to companies that will be able to provide consumers with more advanced wireless services.

IMPORTANT: Anyone who does not have a TV with digital tuners or does not have TVs connected to cable, satellite or other pay TV services will need a converter to continue to receive TV programming. Households who need a converter may receive up to two coupons worth \$40 each to use toward the purchase of a digital-to-analog converter.

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission has no authority over this matter and is providing this notice merely as a public service. The Commission wants to make sure you are aware of this change in TV broadcasting and provide you with information about how to receive your digital-to-analog converter box coupons. Remember, you must act before February 2009.

[Federal Communications Commission Digital Television](#)

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[Digital TV Answers – What you need to know](#)

Comments or questions pertaining to the DTV transition, should be emailed to DTVinfo@fcc.gov

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