

ARE YOU READY FOR THE DTV CONVERSION?



An Important Announcement for Oklahoma TV Consumers



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Digital Television Transition Survey

1. Prior to this outreach, had you heard about the Feb. 17, 2009 conversion from analog to digital TV? Yes No Unsure
 2. Did the information contained on this mailer help you better understand the DTV transition? Yes No Unsure
 3. Do plan on requesting a coupon for a digital converter box?
 Yes No Unsure
- Please sign me up to receive e-mail updates from Congressman John Sullivan.
My e-mail address is: _____

About the Digital TV Transition

What is the digital television transition?

In an effort to open up more emergency communication channels for police, fire and rescue personnel, Congress passed legislation requiring all full-power broadcast TV stations to end their analog transmissions and switch to a digital format by **February 17, 2009**. That format switch has been called the "DTV transition."



The change to DTV should be a smooth and easy transition. It will cost most TV consumers very little or nothing at all.

In fact, Congress created the TV Converter Box Coupon Program for households wishing to keep using their analog TV sets after February 17, 2009. The Coupon Program allows households to receive up to two \$40 coupons that can be applied toward the cost of eligible converter boxes. The coupons are available from January 1, 2008 until March 31, 2009.

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How does this affect me?

- **If you get TV from a cable, satellite, or telephone company**, like the majority of Oklahomans, your provider will handle the transition for you. You do not need to order a converter box. I encourage you to contact your service provider with any questions.
- **If you are using an older analog television with an over-the-air antenna** ("rabbit ears" or rooftop), after February 17, 2009, you have several options:
 - a) obtain a converter box; or
 - b) purchase a digital television; or
 - c) subscribe to a cable, satellite, or other TV service.
- **If you are using a television manufactured after March 1, 2007**, you do not need to take any action.

How do I obtain coupons from the TV Converter Box Coupon Program?

1. **Online.** Obtain coupons online at www.dtv2009.gov.
2. **By phone.** You may submit your application via phone by calling the Coupon Program 24-hour hotline toll free at 1-888-DTV-2009, or TTY 1-877-530-2634
3. **By mail.** Download an application at www.dtv2009.gov, fill it out and mail it to: P.O. Box 2000, Portland, OR 97208
4. **By fax.** Download an application at www.dtv2009.gov, fill it out and fax it to 1-877-388-4632



CONSUMER ALERT:

If you do shop for a new digital TV, remember, you **do not** need a "high definition" TV (HDTV) to view free over-the-air digital programming. An HDTV is only necessary if you want to view digital programming in "high definition."