



WBGU-PBS' Digital FAQ List:

Why The Move To Digital TV?

On February 17, 2009, all full-powered television stations will begin broadcasting only in digital, as required by law. Digital TV (DTV) will free up portions of the television airwaves, known as spectrum, which will be turned over to fire and police departments for emergency communication. For you, DTV means the possibility of a clearer picture, better audio and more programming options.

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Digital TV Is Already Here!

You can experience the benefits of DTV immediately! Today, more than 1,600 local stations are already broadcasting digital content and creating more news, public affairs, sports and weather programs through "multicasting" more than one channel. WBGU-PBS is multicasting four different channels!

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How Do I Get DTV?

You have options. You can: (1) buy a converter box or DVD player with a digital (ATSC) tuner to connect to your current analog TV; (2) buy a new TV with a digital (ATSC) tuner or (3) connect your analog TV to cable, satellite or other pay service. If you want to continue using "rabbit ears" or a rooftop antenna for over-the-air TV you must buy a digital-to-analog converter box or device to enable your analog TV sets to work after the transition date.

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Federal Coupons Are Available To Help With The DTV Transition!

The Federal government is providing coupons toward the purchase of coupon-eligible converter boxes. U.S. households can request, on a first-come, first-served basis, up to two, \$40 coupons to help pay for the cost of certified converter boxes costing between \$40 to \$70 dollars. This is a one-time cost, with no monthly service charges.



Those who apply for coupons will receive them in the mail, along with a list of eligible converter boxes and participating retailers. The red coupon looks like a plastic gift card or credit card; they will expire 90 days after they are mailed and cannot be replaced.

For more information about the TV Converter Box Coupon Program, or to apply for coupons, visit www.DTV2009.gov or call toll free 1-888-388-2009 (1-888-DTV-2009). Hearing impaired may call 1-877-530-2634 for information in English and 1-866-495-1161 for information in Spanish.