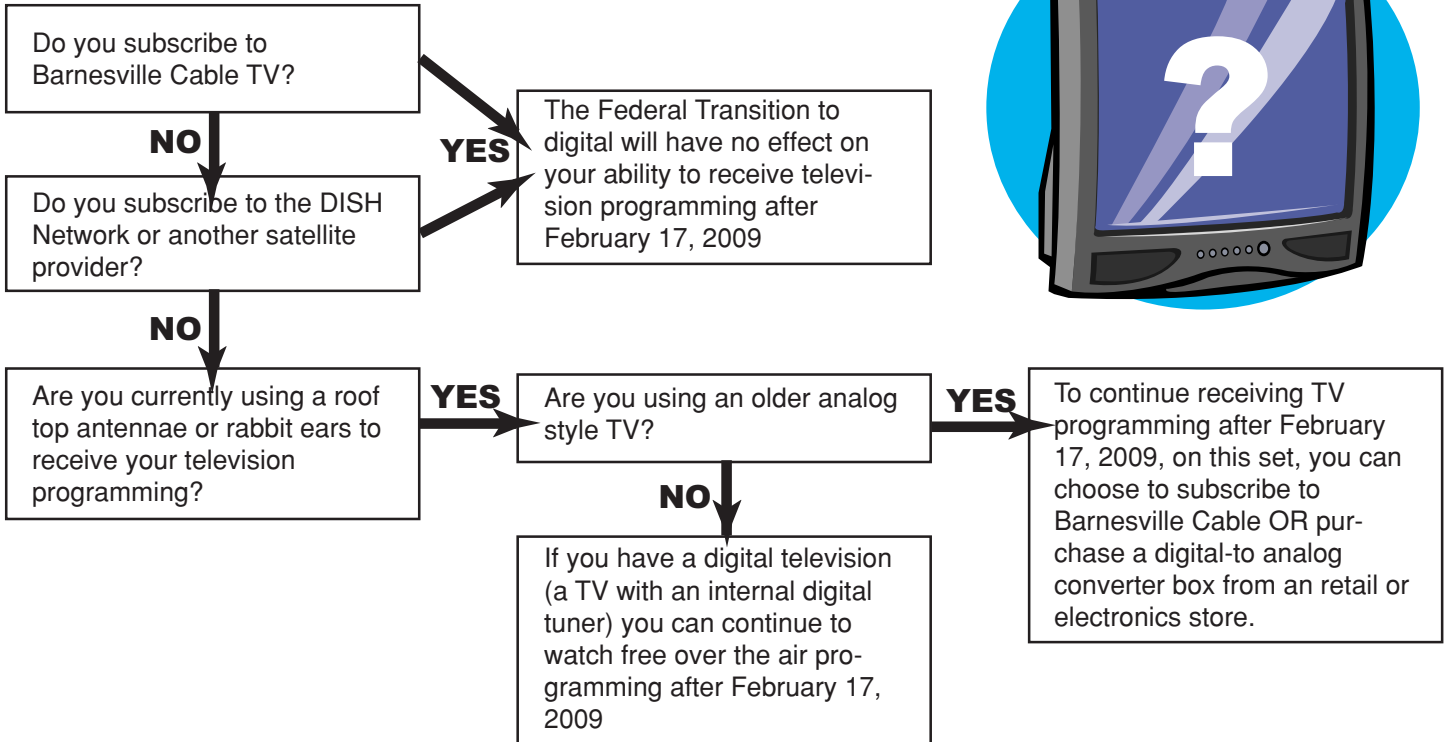


BIG CHANGES ARE AHEAD FOR YOUR TELEVISION PROGRAMMING!!

HOW WILL THE FEDERAL CHANGES AFFECT ME?



What is the digital TV (DTV) transition?

The switch from analog to digital broadcast television is referred to as the digital TV (DTV) transition. Congress mandated that February 17, 2009 would be the last day for full-power television stations such as WDAY, KXJB and KVLV to broadcast in analog.

Do cable TV networks, like CNN, MSNBC, Lifetime, etc., have to switch to digital broadcasting as well?

No. The current requirement to switch from analog to digital only applies to full-power broadcast TV stations, which use the public airwaves to provide free over-the-air programming.

Why are we switching to DTV?

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). Consumers also benefit because digital broadcasting allows stations to offer improved picture and sound quality, and digital is much more efficient than analog.

Will this change affect Barnesville Cable customers?

No, this federal change will not affect Barnesville Cable customers. Local digital upgrades will create new opportunities. See questions below for more information.

Does the DTV Transition affect TV sets connected to satellite TV service?

The DTV transition will not affect satellite TV subscribers who receive their local TV stations through their satellite dishes. Satellite TV service is a digital service and all satellite subscribers must have a set-top box connected to their TVs to receive the satellite-delivered programming. As a result, there should be no change in service for satellite subscribers unless the local TV stations are not provided by the satellite carrier. If you subscribe to a satellite TV service, you should check with your provider to find out if you receive a local TV station package through your satellite dish.

If I don't have Barnesville Cable or satellite service, what do I need to do to be ready?

If you have one or more televisions that receive free over-the-air television programming (with a roof-top antenna or "rabbit ears" on the TV), you will need a digital-to-analog converter box to continue to watch broadcast television on that set.

To help consumers with the DTV transition, the Government established the Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program. Every U.S. household is eligible to receive up to two coupons, worth \$40 each, toward the purchase of eligible digital-to-analog converter boxes. The coupons may only be used for eligible converter boxes sold at participating consumer electronics retailers, and the coupons must be used at the time of purchase. For more information on the Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program, visit www.dtv2009.gov, or call 1-888-388-2009 (voice) or 1-877-530-2634 (TTY).

Can I hook up more than one TV and video recorder to a one digital-to-analog converter box?

You will need one digital-to-analog converter box for each TV set or other device (such as a VCR) that only has an analog tuner. The digital-to-analog converter box basically replaces the analog tuner in one piece of equipment. So if you want to use your analog TV and VCR at the same time (for example, to watch one program and record another simultaneously), you will need two digital-to-analog converter boxes.

Will digital-to-analog converter boxes (used to convert over-the-air digital TV broadcasts for viewing on analog sets) also convert digital closed captioning?

Yes. FCC rules require that digital-to-analog converter boxes be able to convert over-the-air digital closed captioning for display on analog TV sets.

I have an old antenna that attaches to my TV with two wires. Will I be able to use a converter box with this antenna?

Yes, but you will need to get two adapters also called "baluns" or "matching transformers. Talk to your consumer electronics store for more information.

If I want a new TV, will I have to buy a High Definition TV (HDTV) to watch digital broadcast television after the transition?

No. It is important to understand that the DTV transition is a transition from analog broadcasting to digital broadcasting. It is not a transition from analog broadcasting to High Definition broadcasting. A Standard Definition DTV (which is simply a TV with an internal digital tuner), or a digital-to-analog converter box hooked to an analog TV, is all that is required to continue watching over-the-air broadcast television. Digital broadcast television includes Standard Definition (SD) and High Definition (HD) formats. You can watch High Definition programming on a Standard Definition DTV (or on an analog TV hooked to a digital-to-analog converter box), but it won't be in full High Definition quality.

How can I be sure that I am buying a digital TV (DTV)?

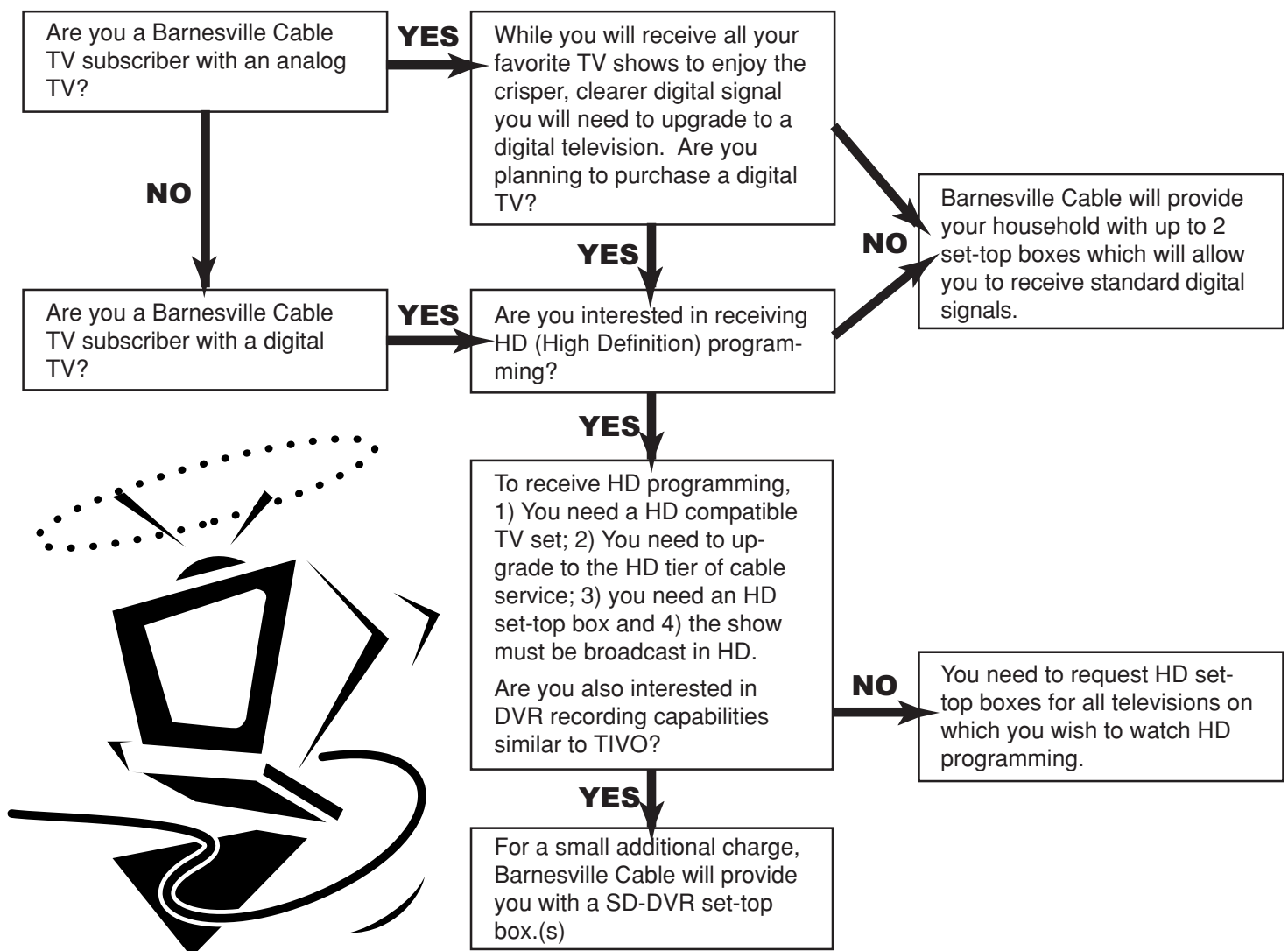
By law, beginning March 1, 2007, all television reception devices (including TVs, VCRs, DVRs, etc.) imported into the U.S. or shipped in interstate commerce must contain a digital tuner. Retailers may

continue to sell analog-only devices from existing inventory, but must prominently display on or near the analog-only device a Consumer Alert label.

How do I know if I already have a digital TV (DTV)?

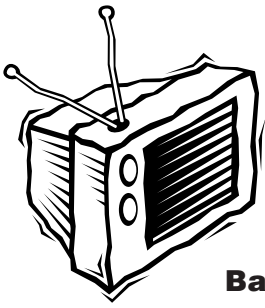
Many DTVs and digital television equipment will have labels or markings on them, or statements in the informational materials that came with them, to indicate that they contain digital tuners. These labels or markings may contain the words “Integrated Digital Tuner,” “Digital Tuner Built-In,” “Digital Receiver,” or “Digital Tuner,” “DTV,” “ATSC,” or “HDTV” (High Definition television). An HDTV is only necessary if you want to view High Definition programming in full HD quality. If you’re unsure if your TV has a digital tuner, check the manufacturer’s website or contact an electronics retailer.

HOW WILL THE BARNESVILLE CABLE UPGRADE TO DIGITAL SERVICE AFFECT ME?



Will Barnesville Cable customers with analog TVs need to have set-top boxes?

All cable companies are required by FCC rules to continue offering local broadcast stations to their customers in analog as long as they offer any analog service. This requirement will continue for at least three years after February 17, 2009.



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IMPORTANT INFO ON TV CHANGES !!

Who hasn't seen all the advertisements that have been running for the Digital TV transition that will take place next February? What you may have also heard is that Barnesville Cable is making changes to their system to provide digital service to their customers.

THIS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS GUIDE WILL HELP YOU TO UNDERSTAND HOW THESE CHANGES MAY AFFECT YOU AND YOUR TV PROGRAMMING.

Will the Barnesville Cable system upgrade require me to have a set-top box to receive the cable channels I receive today?

Barnesville Cable's conversion to digital service should occur late this fall. All households who subscribe to Barnesville Cable will receive up to two digital set-top boxes to use at no charge. Customers with premium channels such as HBO, Cinemax, Starz, etc. will be the first to receive their set-top boxes. The digital cable equipment is different from the digital-to-analog converter boxes.

Why are set-top boxes needed? How many will I need?

The FCC requires all cable companies who offer digital service to their customers to provide security card controls. This is accomplished through set-top boxes. Barnesville Cable will provide to each subscriber household the use of up to two (2) Standard Definition boxes. These will be owned by Barnesville Cable and must be returned of service is terminated. Additional boxes can be rented by the month. A set-up box is required for any television to receive digital service.

Can I purchase set-top boxes at Best Buy or other retailers?

We believe that our new digital equipment will be compatible with set-top boxes that can be purchased from regional retailers. However, only set-top boxes that have a security card slot are compatible with Barnesville Cable TV system. More information will be available later this fall.

How will I be able to receive HD (High Definition) Service?

As part of Barnesville Cable's digital conversion, a High Definition tier of service will be offered. Prices will be determined early this fall. Not all channels and not all programs are available in HD format.

Will my TIVO work with the new digital cable service?

Our equipment providers have indicated that TIVO will work with or set-top boxes. Barnesville Cable customers may want to consider upgrading their set-top box to a SD-DVR for a small monthly charge.