

# Digital TV

## Helping us make the transition in Mayfield & Graves County KY

To many TV programming is a lifeline of entertainment, news, and weather.

In February 2009 TV broadcasting will convert to digital and abandon the analog method of broadcasting. Most television sets manufactured before March 2007 can only receive analog television programming without an upgrade. All television sets manufactured after March 2007 can view digital programming in addition to analog.

### THE BIG QUESTION TO FIND OUT IF SOMEONE WILL BE AFFECTED:

Do they receive their TV programming from cable, dish, telephone, or other pay for TV programming service?

If they answer 'Yes' then there will not be a transition problem. They do not need to concern themselves with the digital television transition because their cable or dish provider will convert the digital signals for viewing on their particular television set.

If they answer 'no' then find out if their television is compatible with digital broadcasts. A television is compatible with digital broadcasting if the television has some insignia physically on it or in the menus indicating any of the following grouping of letters - DIGITAL, DIGITAL TV, DTV, HDTV, EDTV, SDTV, or ATSC.

If they do not have a digitally compatible television then they need to purchase a digital TV converter box. They will retail between \$40 & \$80 at most retailers like Wal-Mart and Radio Shack. The federal government has a coupon program to reduce the cost to the consumer. Each address in the USA that only receives their television programming by antenna is eligible for two \$40 coupons that can be redeemed at the time of purchase of a converter box from a retailer.

TV Converter Box Coupon program - online application

<http://www.dtv2009.gov/>

TV Converter Box Coupon program - Telephone application

1-888-388-2009

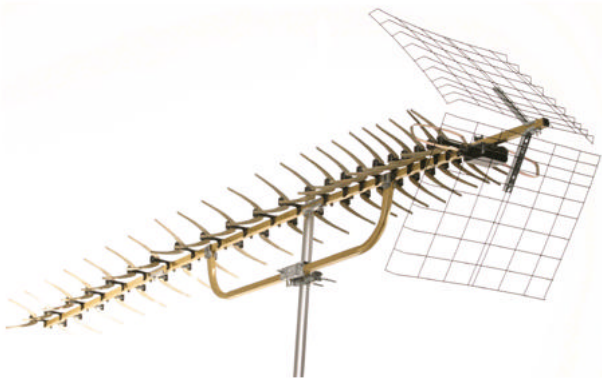
They may need a new outside receiving antenna. All old and new antennas can receive digital signals. Some are better than others. See the next page for examples of the best antennas for receiving digital TV in the Purchase region of Kentucky.

If the antenna looks similar to one of these then it is most likely compatible with digital TV broadcast programming.

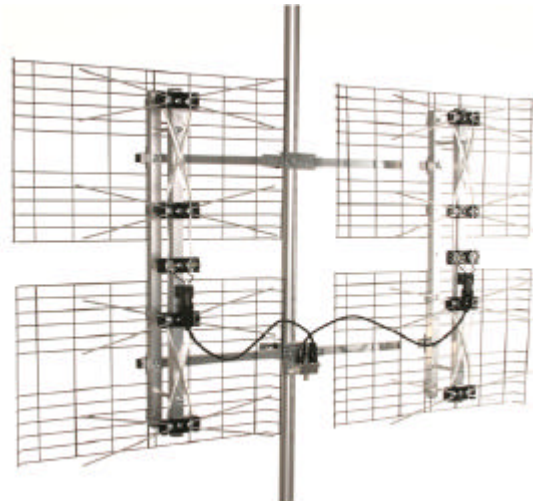
**Winegard HD (7697P) or HD (7698P)**



**Antennas Direct UHF Antenna (91XG)**



**Antennas Direct UHF Antenna (DB8)**



**Channel Master TV Antenna (CM3679)**



or **(CM3020)**



## DTV Information Resources

Digital TV - What Every Consumer should Know - Large print ed.

[http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/DTV\\_booklet\\_largeprint.pdf](http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/DTV_booklet_largeprint.pdf)

Digital TV shoppers guide

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An HDTV Primer

<http://www.hdtvprimer.com/>

High-definition television - From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HDTV>

DTV from answers.com

<http://www.answers.com/topic/dtv?cat=technology&hl=8-vs>

TV Guide Online programing listings

<http://www.tvguide.com/listings/default.aspx>

KET TV Online programing listings

<http://www.ket.org/cgi-bin/watch/index.pl?>

DTV Answers

<http://www.dtvanswers.com/>

Antenna information on the Web

<http://www.antennaweb.org/aw/welcome.aspx>

Internet seller of Antennas and everything to go with them.

<http://www.solidsignal.com/>

A printable version of this document is located on the Internet at

<http://www.williamscc.org/dtv.pdf>

The ABCs of HDTV - Program that airs on KET1, WKMU, & WKPD search local listings.

Information provided by Joseph Williams of Williams Christian Counseling - [www.williamscc.org](http://www.williamscc.org)

For Antenna upgrades in the Mayfield, Kentucky area contact:

Robert Morris TV Service  
185 State RT 303  
Mayfield, KY 42066  
(270) 247-7237

Precision Audio/Video/Security/Satellite  
2215 State Route 45 N  
Mayfield, KY 42066  
(270) 247-8838

Please refer to your phone book. There may be others in the area that do this type of work.