

BROADCAST TV TRANSITION: What to Watch For



Some local TV stations across the U.S. are changing their over-the-air broadcast frequencies. The following information provides media guidance.

What's Happening

Many over-the-air TV channels are changing frequencies to help open up airwaves for new high-speed wireless services. The actual channel number seen by viewers will not change.

Why it Matters

A change in frequency impacts how a channel is received by a TV. Viewers who watch over-the-air television with an antenna will need to rescan their TV set each time a station moves to a new frequency to ensure the TV recognizes the new frequency when tuned to that channel.

Who's Impacted

Rescanning only applies to consumers who receive their local channels using a TV antenna. Except in rare circumstances, all that's needed is a simple channel rescan. No new equipment or services are required. Cable and satellite subscribers are not affected.

When to Rescan

Stations that are moving will provide notice of the day to rescan. At that time, viewers need to rescan their TV

to continue to watch that channel. Stations across the country are transitioning in phases and viewers in most areas may need to rescan more than once.

How to Rescan

Rescanning may also be referred to as auto-tuning, channel set-up, channel scan, channel search, auto-scan, auto-program, or other similar terminology depending on TV make and model. Instructions are similar across the board and typically include these steps:

- 1 Press "set-up" or "menu" on the TV remote control or converter box.
- 2 Select "channels," "antenna," or other similar terminology.
- 3 Click "scan," "auto-tune," "channel search," "auto-program," or other similar terminology.
- 4 The TV will do the rest. The process usually takes just a few minutes.

Where to Get More Information

Visit www.fcc.gov/TVrescan for more details. Viewers who need additional assistance may also contact the FCC call center toll-free by dialing 1-888-CALLFCC (1-888-225-5322).



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