

Rescanning

An important step in upgrading to digital television (DTV)

Here are some tips on when it is advisable to scan or rescan for channels:

Installing a converter box, digital TV set or new equipment

After hooking up a converter box to your analog TV set or installing a digital TV, you'll need to scan (also known as "auto-tune") for channels to ensure you receive all the digital stations broadcasting in your area.

While some converter boxes do this automatically, you may need to select scan manually using the remote control that comes with the converter box. If you're still unable to receive stations you were able to receive before installing the converter box, try manually entering the DTV channel number for that station using the remote control. To find a list of the DTV channels available in your area, visit www.AntennaWeb.org or call your local TV station to ask where their DTV channel is located.

Repositioning your antenna

If you reposition or move your antenna around, you should also rescan to make sure you're receiving all the DTV stations in your area.

▶ Rescanning after June 12, 2009

Because some digital stations that are already on air are moving to different channel numbers at the end of the DTV transition, you may need to rescan again after June 12, 2009, to ensure that you receive all of the digital stations broadcasting in your area. Note that in some areas, however, no DTV channel changes will occur on June 12, since stations may have already switched permanently to DTV prior to that date.

■ Rescanning from time to time

Since some digital stations are still coming on air, it is important to rescan periodically to get all of the digital programming available.

The DTV Transition Coalition is a group of public and private organizations and consumer/community groups that are working together to assure a successful transition to digital television. The mission of the DTV Transition Coalition is to ensure that no consumer loses free over-the-air television reception in June 2009 due to a lack of information about the DTV transition.