

## **Digital-to-Analog TV Converter Box Coupon Program**

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Congress has set a firm date of February 17, 2009, when full-power TV stations must switch from analog to digital transmission on airwaves. This means that if you receive over-the-air television broadcasts and have an analog television, a converter box will be needed to continue to receive your favorite television shows after February 17, 2009.

The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has therefore launched the Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program (Coupon Program), as authorized in the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005.

Between Jan. 1, 2008, and March 31, 2009, all U.S. households will be eligible to request up to two coupons, worth \$40 each, to be used toward the purchase of up to two, digital-to-analog converter boxes, while the initial \$990 million allocated for the program is available. If NTIA requests the additional \$510 million already authorized by Congress, then coupon requests during this "contingent period" will be limited exclusively to over-the-air households. Details on how to apply for the Coupon Program will be established later in 2007.

If you would like more information regarding the transition to Digital Television you may visit the FCC's informational website at:

<http://www.dtv.gov/index.html>