

The information about the Feb 2009 DTV Conversion that gets to the public is very simplistic.

"Analog TV

users with antennas need DTV Converters and they can be bought at a discount by filling out a form."

Most

people do not have such simple situations, and have upgraded one component or another in the path from

broadcasters to viewing.

The following web page is a good answer for those who will dig deep enough through the information.

It gives a better idea of the reality faced by customers as the conversion approaches.

https://www.mahalo.com/How_to_Switch_to_Digital_TV

It is my impression (from the info I've seen) that the FCC is simply telling people to get a converter box,

which appears to be just fine in the simple case of an analog tv connected to an antenna. The rest of us have

to muddle through all the half-information from our providers: cable, stations in our area, tv manufacturers,

DVR manufacturers (e.g. TIVO), etc. It's going to be a nightmare for the moms and pops who never bothered

making the time stop blinking on the VCR.

Again, my compliments to that web page author. That page links over to the best things I found on several of

my "providers" sites after several hours digging into this.

I would suggest that the FCC provide more complete information, and that the FCC should look for ways to

have a gradual conversion. In this time of economic issues, what household wants to have to sweat this stuff.

Sincerely,

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p.s., And I'm very frustrated that my Tivo series2 Dual Tuner is not itself DIGITAL ready. I knew it was not HD

ready, but ... not digital ready? Were DVR providers required to say the unit would not work as is after the

DTV conversion? I don't see such a note on the box it came in. In fact it says "Digital Video Recorder", but it works only with an analog feed. (I'll post this to Tivo's site next).