

Encrypting those channels available over the air on Cablevision's basic tier in affect forces consumers to rent equipment from Cablevision. While Cablevision claims that very few subscriber households do not have converters/digital boxes, Cablevision fails to account for households with more than one television. In many cases, a household (including mine) has one television connected to a converter/digital box, but also has one or more televisions connected directly to the cable service. While this type of connection does not provide the breadth of programming available with a converter/digital box, it is a very common situation. In addition, the cost of the basic tier of service from Cablevision will rise. For those on fixed incomes, the rise in monthly fees will not allow many citizens to remain subscribers. The loss of emergency information, news reporting, and government programming provided via television places these citizens at a distinct and identifiable disadvantage. Regards, Paul Curtis