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Comcast, with the approval of the FCC, recently started to scramble all of their channels including channels that are local over-the-air free channels. Until this change, customers with televisions that have digital tuners were able to receive local channels by connecting the Comcast cable directly to their televisions and receive these local over-the-air free channels. This change will cause customers to purchase an HD antenna and connect it to their televisions to receive these channels or alternatively to get a special box from Comcast to receive these channels. Comcast currently offers one or two of these decoder boxes for free for a limited time. After the time limit expires, the customers will be required to pay a monthly fee for these boxes. It is not clear why the FCC allowed Comcast to scramble these channels as they are still available with the use of an antenna. This change to allow Comcast to scramble local over-the-air free channels has the net effect of benefiting Comcast by allowing them to lease more equipment and harming the cable customer by forcing them to lease a box from Comcast or purchase an antenna.