

Cancel Cable! With an HDTV antenna, you get clear local digital signals with no monthly charge.

You can replace your monthly Time Warner charge with a single antenna installation. Depending on your present contract, the antenna can pay for itself in less than six months

Although TV antennas have always been a useful way to receive TV broadcasting, cable has been the prime source for decades. With the onset of cable channels, the number and variety of channels has grown beyond the needs of many viewers.

Cable and satellite TV offer hundreds of stations, but most viewers watch only a few favorites. And there are those people whose viewing interest is limited to local channels. Some enjoy much of their entertainment from DVD's and internet streaming, or just don't want what providers offer. If you are among these viewers, consider replacing your cable with a permanent antenna. .

Digital Antennas vary in size and power; indoor and outdoor. The cable used for the antennas is the same as the one for cable and satellite TV. That means your TV's are antenna-ready.

With the FCC's move to digital TV, older tube TV's need a digital converter box. Remember those ads for a free converter box? Well, since the analog to digital switchover in June 2009, you must now buy one to access digital channels with your old tube TV.

Illustrated is an omni-directional high density TV antenna (HDTV). It receives from all directions equally. The 22-inch disc is centered on a vertical mast. It works indoors or out. At about 2 inches thick, it takes barely any space near the attic rafters. Performance increases if mounted outside. With an AC adapter, power and signal are shared on a single cable to the antenna.



Many networks offer 3 or 4 programs on one digital channel. I get 22 programs, placing the antenna in my Cary bonus room. Be careful! FOX for example, is a cable channel. So it cannot be viewed. You're doomed if you're a QVC addict. Broadcasters are ground-based. Signal improves with antenna elevation.

To check which networks broadcast in your area go to: <http://www.fcc.gov/mb/engineering/maps/>
Enter your zip code to get a list of stations. Clicking on the call letters will give you the location on the map and signal strength. Remember that most networks offer 3 or 4 programs each.

If you are interested in free local network programming, and you are handy, you can install this yourself. If you want help, contact your home entertainment specialist. They will give you all the details.

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