



TELEVISION STATIONS ARE MOVING FREQUENCIES. FIND OUT WHY.

By law, nearly 1,000 TV stations must move frequencies to make room for wireless services. Find out what you need to know to keep access to your local TV channels.

Wireless companies claimed a spectrum crisis was imminent and would disrupt mobile service for Americans.



In response, the FCC created a plan to encourage TV stations to give up their airwaves for wireless companies to buy.



Congress approved the plan.



The FCC implemented the first broadcast spectrum incentive auction.



TV stations were encouraged to sell their channels and go out of business.



Nearly 200 stations sold their channels to wireless bidders. Many of these will go off the air in 2017.



More than 1,500 TV stations turned down \$38 billion to continue serving local communities.



Now, nearly 1,000 TV stations that did not choose to participate must move to make room for wireless services.



These moves will start in 2018 and continue through at least 2020.



77 million viewers that rely on over-the-air TV using an antenna must take action to keep their local channels.



A smaller number of viewers may lose their stations entirely or need to purchase a new antenna.



Radio listeners may also be impacted if their station shares a tower with a TV station that is moving.



Find out which stations in your hometown are moving channels and what you can do to stay connected.



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