



Press Release

Roseau County to Go Digital

On Sept 1st, 2009 Roseau County will transition to digital and will STOP all analog television signal. This conversion frees up airwaves for use by emergency responders, provides a clearer picture and allows for more programming options.

If you have **an older analog television** you will need to purchase a digital converter box in order to continue receiving the signal. A converter box is a device that allows your older model televisions to capture the digital signal after the analog shut-off.

Congress created the **TV Converter Box Coupon Program** for households wishing to keep using their analog TV sets after broadcasters stop analog broadcasting. The Coupon Program allows U.S. households to obtain up to **two coupons, each worth \$40** that can be applied toward the cost of eligible converter boxes. (Converter boxes cost between \$50 and \$70, so two coupons is quite a savings.)

The TV converter box coupon program will end July 31 2009. The easiest way to apply for the coupon is on the web at www/dtv2009.gov. **Converter boxes will still be available after July but the \$40 coupon program savings will not.** If you already received coupons but have not used them, you can reapply.

If you currently get your TV programming off an **antenna and have a digital television** your TV will automatically capture the digital signal and you will have no interruption in service. However, you may still need a converter box to record programs on your VCR or DVD if they are older as they use an analog signal to record

If you are **NOT** currently taking advantage of the **FREE** television programming provided to you by Roseau County and would like to do so, it simply requires an antenna and a TV with a digital receiver. **FREE** Channels provided include NBC, CBS, ABC, FOX, and 5 PBS Channels.