

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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TO: Deans, Directors, Chairs and Executive Managers; All Building Contacts

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RE: Termination of analog cable television service on campus

Effective Aug. 7, 2013 the Telecommunication Systems department in Infrastructure Planning and Facilities will be terminating the legacy analog television service on campus.

What does this mean?

- Most televisions on campus are digital televisions and should not be impacted by this change.
- As of Aug. 7:
 - The free digital interactive video services (IVS) tier (digital channels 19-22) will still be available, along with the pay-for digital ETV tier (digital channels 24-30). *If you can tune to these digital channels today, your service will not be impacted.*
 - Analog channels (2-18) will no longer be available to televisions purchased before 2008 without a digital converter box. *Older “cable-ready” televisions will need a converter box in order to watch the digital programming. In many cases it may be cheaper to purchase a digital television. More information can be found in the FAQ section at ipf.msu.edu/services/cable-tv/.*



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Why is this happening?

This is the last phase of a project that started in 2009 to convert the cable television network to an all-digital system. This change is in response to industry and technology changes. Digital cable television offers crystal-clear, high-definition programming and allows MSU to expand content offered in the future. Analog televisions have not been available for sale since 2008.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the support staff at (517)353-5515, or visit ipf.msu.edu/services/cable-tv/ for more information.