



The Esprit HOA/Time Warner Cable Contract is ending June 30, 2016 - Available options for receiving TV Service

Indoor Over the Air HD Antenna

Over-the-air HDTV signals look better than cable or satellite

The switch to digital TV broadcasting has eliminated the most annoying picture distortions — snow and ghosting — that made analog off-air reception so hit-or-miss. With digital TV signals (both standard-definition and high-definition), you'll either see a crisp, ghost-free picture or no picture at all. Because local and syndicated programming may not be in high-definition, it's typical for local stations to broadcast their digital signals in standard-definition during the day, then switch to full widescreen HDTV during primetime.

Even if you've never used an off-air antenna before, there are several good reasons to consider adding one to your other TV signal sources:

- **Local digital TV broadcasts are everywhere:** Although the widest selection of digital TV broadcasts are found in big cities, over 99% of U.S. TV households have access to at least one local digital station; 89% can get five or more stations. You can learn which stations in your area are providing digital broadcasts by visiting the TV Fool website listed below.
- **Over-the-air digital reception provides the best picture quality:** Cable and satellite providers offer tons of channels, but to do this they use data compression or other techniques that compromise picture quality, resulting in a "soft" image, distracting video artifacts (distortion), or both. Off-air antenna reception is the best way to enjoy HDTV programs at the full resolution the TV networks intended.
- **Over-the-air signals are free:** Aside from the costs to purchase and install an HD antenna, receiving over-the-air HDTV is free.

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- **Access to all your local channels:** Cable and satellite TV providers may not carry all the local channels in your area, or may not offer them in high definition. Also, contract disagreements between local cable operators and local broadcasters can mean that major networks may not be available via cable TV in your area.
- **Access to out-of-town channels:** With the right equipment and reception conditions, some viewers may even be able to receive out-of-town channels, some of which may carry sports programs that are locally blacked out.

If you bought your HDTV anytime during the past 8 years or so, it should have a built-in tuner for receiving digital over-the-air broadcasts. If you have an older "HDTV-ready" TV that only receives analog signals, you'll need to connect it to a separate HDTV tuner.

Best Rated - [Winegard Flatwave](#)



Though incredibly similar to the Mohu Leaf in terms of performance, Winegard's Flatwave antenna costs (on average) \$10 less. Since many cord-cutters detach from cable company

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contracts to save a bit of dough, saving money on alternatives is also a welcome sight. Discounts aside, the Flatwave antenna boasts some of the strongest performance of any antenna on our list. Capable of receiving broadcasts from towers approximately 30 miles away (depending on the surrounding terrain), it comes with a 15-foot coaxial cable making it easy to install the antenna near the best possible signal reception area. The Flatwave also measures in at just 2/100 of an inch in thickness, making it incredibly inconspicuous no matter where you install it.

Read more: <http://www.digitaltrends.com/home-theater/watch-free-1080p-tv-with-these-indoor-antennas/#ixzz3zySDPr11>

<http://www.crutchfield.com/S-QbC9lWJHrYO/learn/learningcenter/home/antenna.html>

Where to buy: This can be purchased at Home Depot or through online retailers.

Price: High \$20's up to \$50's

Satellite TV

The Best Satellite TV Providers

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Determining the best Satellite TV provider is difficult, as DirecTV and DISH Network offer very similar products and services. Each of these satellite TV companies provide access to extensive programming that includes hundreds of HD channels, sports packages, premium channels, pay-per-view, On Demand, and more. Both have high-end proprietary DVR systems that connect every TV in your home. If you're looking for an alternative to cable, these companies make the switch easy, however, determining which satellite company to go with might be a little more challenging.



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DISH Network is another top satellite provider with very competitive pricing on each of the seven different plans they offer. DISH satellite plans start at just \$19.99 per month for a basic package, and range in price up to \$89.99+ per month for the most extensive TV

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package. Each plan is affordably priced, especially when compared with some cable TV providers. Satellite TV is also a great alternative to cable since you are not bound by a physical network of cables. In fact, with DISH you can take TV outside with the DISH Tailgater. The Tailgater device will let you watch TV at a park, while camping, or even in your backyard. Service with the Tailgate is also available at an affordable month-to-month rate, so you will never pay for it when you're not using it. The Hopper DVR exclusive to DISH is also a standout device with a huge storage capacity of 2TB. No matter what your TV and entertainment need, DISH offers it all at reasonable rates, in all 50 states.



Call for More Information: 1-800-554-0847 – Costco promotion includes a \$200 Costco gift card with subscription

DirecTV secures the top spot on the list of best satellite providers due to its strong programming, impressive DVR selection, and its nationwide availability. DirecTV boasts a full channel lineup including HD programming, On Demand movies and shows, pay-per-view, dynamic mobile viewing capabilities, and a growing selection of 3D content. Sports fans will be glad to know that DirecTV is the only TV provider that gives you access to NFL Sunday Ticket, in addition to a full selection of other sports programming. With a subscription, DirecTV allows you to choose among several high quality DVRs, including the most advanced option, DirecTV's own Genie receiver. The Genie is a standout device in the industry as it allows you to record as many as five shows at once, and with a storage capacity of 1TB you can store hours of programming without having to worry about deleting your past recordings. Also, since DirecTV is not limited to any specific regions with physical cables, DirecTV has coverage available in all 50 states.

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Time Warner Cable Individual Plans

Many options are available for individual plans with Time Warner. Starter service (20 channels with many in HD) plus HBO starting at \$29.99 per month.

Added convenience of starting and stopping services.

Bundled TV, Internet and Phone Packages starting at \$44.98.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://purchase.timewarnercable.com/core/twcTVUpgrades>. The page features the Time Warner Cable logo and a navigation bar with the text "Order Online Below or Call 877-916-5318" and "For billing, customer support and tech support, call 877-397-4402".

The main promotional banner includes a silhouette of a person on a mountain peak, with text: "Get TV starting as low as \$10.00/mo. No HD Fees | No Early Termination Fees". It also mentions "Stream TV on all your devices with TWC TV® Up to 300 live channels Up to 5,000 On Demand Titles" and an "Order Now" button.

Below the banner, it says "Explore more great Digital TV offers from Time Warner Cable!" and lists three plans:

STARTER TV W/ HBO	STANDARD TV	PREFERRED TV
\$29.99 PER MONTH FOR 12 MONTHS	\$39.99 PER MONTH FOR 12 MONTHS	\$49.99 PER MONTH FOR 12 MONTHS
Don't miss HBO's hottest shows	Watch TV Anywhere with TWC TV®	Watch TV Anywhere with TWC TV®
20+ channels, with many in HD Watch TV anywhere with the TWC TV® app	70+ channels, with many in HD Watch TV anywhere with the TWC TV® app	200+ channels, with many in HD Watch TV anywhere with the TWC TV® app
HBO® with HBO GO® Local news and weather and channels in HD	Local news and weather and channels in HD	Over 15,000 On Demand titles
Order Now >	Order Now >	Order Now >

At the bottom, a purple banner contains the text: "If you are not satisfied with your TWC service, call us at 877-397-4402 within 30 days of your installation date and we'll cancel your service and refund your account."

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Cutting Cable Costs by Streaming TV and Movies

More consumers are cutting the cord for cable TV services, and streaming movies and TV shows online.

To watch your favorite shows from any streaming service, you need a minimum download speed of 5 Mbps (megabits per second) per user in your household.

Pick a streaming player

With a streaming player connected to your TV, you can view more content than a traditional cable box without the added monthly subscription fees. Most players on the market cost from mid \$50's to \$200.

Before you buy, research your options. Some players only connect to one TV, so check if you need to buy streaming sticks for secondary sets. Or, if you have a smart TV or gaming console that has built-in access to streaming apps, you may not need a separate player.

Select your streaming services

Cutting cable doesn't necessarily mean sacrificing your favorite TV shows and movies.

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