

TV VIEWER NOTICE

For local viewers of over-the-air translated UHF signals

Your translator relay site is moving to lower TV channels to meet the requirements of the FCC (Federal Communications Commission). You will likely lose your TV signal for a couple of days while the changes are being done at the translator tower, after which you need to rescan your converter or TV to get the channels on the new lower frequency.

The FCC rules are mandating that all TV Channels move to CORE (below number 52) by January 1, 2012. You may lose the signal as the equipment is replaced at the translator site to allow operation below channel 52. If you lose translated channels, wait a couple days and then try re-scanning your TV box or TV to get the signal back.

In some fringe areas, because of the lowering of the channels, you may also need to replace your antenna. Try using what you have first. It will likely work, but some antennas are cut a certain size to receive a certain group of TV channels, and if you're in a fringe area (weak signal) the antenna may not function well enough at the new lower channels.

Affected areas with tentative move-to-CORE dates:

Kabetogama: Channels 65, 67, 69 moved to 32, 34, 36 (week of July 11, 2011)

Northome: Channels 55, 57 moved to 16, 18 (week of September 26, 2011)

Fairland/Birchdale: Channels 56, 58, 60 moved to 38, 40, 42 (beginning of October)

Big Falls: Channels 60, 62, 64 moved to 27, 29, 31 (end of October)

Max: Channels 60, 62 moved to 36, 38 (end of October)

Bigfork/Marcell: Channels 67, 69 moved to 21, 23 (end of October)

Williams: Channels 59, 61, 63 moved to 32, 34, 36 (November)

Orr: Channels 59, 61, 63 moved to 24, 26, 28 (November)

Red Lake: Channels 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69 moved to 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51 (Nov.)

Int'l Falls: Channel 53 moved to 47 (December)

Roseau: Channel 52 moved to 38 (December)

Baudette: Channels 53, 55, 57 moved to 25, 16, 14 (December)

On behalf of the owners and operators of the translators, your patience is appreciated.