

Sweden is converting to digital television!

Is your television ready?

The switchover to digital television is starting!

A Riksdag decision

The Riksdag has decided that all of Sweden is to convert to digital television broadcasting in the terrestrial network no later than 1 February 2008.

Gotland, Gävle and Motala are the first three transmission areas to convert. Gotland will begin 19 September 2005, Gävle on 10 October 2005 and Motala on 21 November 2005. This means that analogue terrestrial broadcasts in these areas will gradually be phased out and completely terminated by 13 December 2005.

More channels

Digital television provides better images, sound and new services such as electronic programme guides and more advanced text television. Most importantly however, all households will be able to receive more channels.

The existing analogue terrestrial network is fully utilized and can only accommodate channels SVT1, SVT2 and TV4, despite the considerable demand for a broader selection. Most households have already arranged more channels via cable or satellite. Digital technology enables as many as between five and seven digital channels to be carried in the space used by analogue signals to carry one channel. The digital terrestrial network has been gradually expanded to generate more space for many more channels.

Two networks, too expensive

Less than 25% of all households still use the analogue terrestrial network to watch television. Costs for maintenance and service of two parallel networks – the old analogue and the new digital – is too expensive in the long term which is why we are switching over to a common television network based on modern technology. It is simply time for a technological makeover.

Gotland, Gävle and Motala kick-off Sweden's switchover to digital television.

Does your TV need a digital box (digital adaptor)?

That depends on how you receive television broadcasts

With digital terrestrial television everyone will have access to further freeview channels. In addition to SVT1, SVT2 and TV4, all households will be able to receive SVT24, Kunskapskanalen (the Knowledge Channel) and Barnkanalen (The Children's Channel) at no extra cost.

Naturally, you can choose to subscribe to many more channels. Depending on how you receive television broadcasts today, your television might however need a digital box.

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Cable and satellite dishes are not affected!

The switch-over does not concern you if you receive television signals via a satellite dish. Nor does the switch-over concern you if you receive television via cable or broadband. You can continue to watch TV as usual, unless your landlord or operator informs you otherwise.

Regular aerials need a digital box!

If you have a regular aerial and receive television signals via the analogue terrestrial network you will need a digital adaptor. The simplest solution is to connect a digital box to your television. If you do not have a digital box your screen will go black after the switchover.

Every television needs a box to receive the digital transmissions. If you only want to watch the freeview channels just purchase the most basic digital box. If you however want to subscribe to pay-TV channels, you will require a box that can accommodate a programme card.

Only households with regular aerials are affected by the digital television transition.

Where do you live?**Do you live in one of these municipalities?**

Then you live in an area affected by the digital television transition. Transmission areas Gotland, Gävle and Motala include the following municipalities: Askersund, Boxholm, Finspång, Gotland, Gävle, Hofors, Karlsborg, Linköping, Mjölby, Motala, Ockelbo, Sandviken, Vadstena, Älvkarleby and Ödeshög.

Do you live in a house or terraced housing?

Television signals are normally received through a regular rooftop aerial, which means you will need to connect a digital box to your television. You do not need to do anything if you have a satellite dish. You can continue to watch television as usual with the equipment you have. If you however also have a television in your home that is connected to a regular aerial, you will need a digital box for digital terrestrial transmissions.

Do you live in multi-occupancy housing?

Most of these households are connected to a cable television network and you will probably not have to do anything. Speak with your landlord for more information about your particular household.

Don't forget that the television in your country cottage, caravan or boat will also need a digital box if you have a regular aerial. The boxes are small and easy to bring with you as you move around.

Frequently asked questions**Where can I purchase a digital box and what does it cost?**

Television and radio retailers sell digital boxes. You can also purchase them directly from certain box suppliers on the internet. Prices vary depending on whether you choose a digital box that can accommodate a programme card and what features the box has. Digital boxes start at under SEK 1,000.

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Can I watch one channel and record from another with the same digital box?

You can record the same channel that you are watching if you have only one digital box. If you want to record from another channel, you will need one box for the video and one for the television. Digital boxes that can handle both functions will eventually be launched.

Do I need to buy a new TV?

No, and it does not matter what make you have. All you need to do is buy a digital box for your television. So far, not many television sets with built-in digital receivers are available on the market.

Do I need to change my television aerial?

No, but if you have an aerial that is older than ten years, you should check that it can receive the digital terrestrial signals. Speak with your television retailer if you are uncertain.

What do I do if I just want to continue watching SVT1, SVT2, and TV4?

Just purchase the most basic digital box, one that does not accommodate a programme card. You will be able to see Barnkanalen, Kunskapskanalen and SVT24 at no extra cost.

Who do I contact if the picture is bad or the digital box does not work?

Contact your operator or the store where you purchased your equipment.

Note! Book time with your local tv retailer or antenna installation service in advance if you want help installing the digital box or checking your aerial.

Checklist!

About your TV

If you receive television signals via cable or satellite dish, you don't have to do anything. The same applies to broadband TV. However, if you receive television signals via a regular aerial, you will need to connect a digital box to your television.

About the digital box

If you just want to watch the free view channels, just buy the most basic digital box. If you want to subscribe to pay TV channels, buy a digital box that allows for a programme card.

About coverage

If you want to know if you can receive digital transmissions where you live take a look at Teracom's coverage maps on Teracom's website, www.teracom.se Find out if your aerial can receive the signals used to transmit digital television.

About the selection of channels

Contact your operator if you have questions about the selection of channels and subscriptions available. Names and contact information for operators are published on www.digitaltvovergangen.se

Still not sure if this affects you?

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