

## Consumer Electronics Retailers Coalition



### QUESTIONS REGARDING PORTABLE TVS, TV AUDIO, AND RVs ....

- **Battery operated.** “What is going to happen to battery-operated TV's? We have a couple of TVs that work off batteries. Will these become trash? Can't very well hook them up to cable, or a converter box.”
  - **If your present portable TVs have antenna inputs, you CAN hook them up to a converter box, though as yet there are no converter boxes announced that run off batteries.**
  - **If you will have no use for your existing portable TVs, you might look to sell or donate them (e.g. via Craig's List) to people who watch community "Low Power TV" stations that will not be converting to digital on 2-17-09. As that date approaches, viewers of those stations will be hearing more about how to maintain viewing of their analog signals while also getting digital signals from other stations.**
- **TV Sound On Radio.** “I listen to television at work with a portable radio. Will I be able to buy a portable device to listen to HDTV after the conversion? What about portable televisions? I cannot seem to find any portable radio that will pick up digital television signals.”
  - **We're not aware of any radio-only products as yet. We'll pass along to manufacturers and retailers the interest we're hearing in radio products that tune the digital TV signals. We've heard that a number of people use such products.**
  - **Very small portable TVs that include digital tuners are on the market already, and the additional digital stations that broadcasters have up (generally, for now, focusing on the weather, etc.) are on the air. We're aware of one with a 5" LCD screen, it probably isn't much bigger than the radio you're using now.**
- **RVs.** “My primary concern is using a new converter box in an RV with AC/DC power available to the television. I'd guess off hand that there would be a broad mix of signal inputs available at RV parks too. “Cable ready” hookups which may or may not be digital and the RV unit would be cabled already for external hookups in various parks.”
  - **If you have a cable hookup at the RV park, nothing should change from the way you operate at present.**
  - **If you use an antenna you will need a converter if your TV is an “analog” TV.**
  - **If you have AC power at the park you should be fine. As is noted above, we are not yet aware of any battery-powered converters but are passing along the interest.**