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Satellite TV - Real Entertainment Opportunities

By Ken Snow

Satellite TV has gained in popularity over the last few years for good reasons. Many people live too far out of town to get cable, so for years they were stuck with antennas for their source of television signals. This meant that they got only a few channels, and quite often had to send someone outside to turn the antenna to hope for a better signal. But now satellite TV has given people in rural areas real entertainment again.

Besides the access for people outside of town, satellite tv offers a good alternative for renting movies all the time. If you are a real movie lover, you might think about getting an upgraded package to include movie channels in your menu. This way, you get to see all the new releases and more. And you never have to leave the house to rent, or worry about late fees. You simply pay your monthly bill and leave the rest to your provider.

Of course, with satellite TV, you do have to have a receiver. Sometimes companies will offer promotional opportunities for you to get your equipment free or cheap when you give them your business. Other times, you may have the option of buying, or renting the equipment. Even though it may seem like a lot of money at the time, these receivers will last you a long time if you treat them right.

Satellite TV can also be a good educational resource if you have anyone in the household still in school. The history channel, discovery channel, and all sorts of news channels are often provided in basic packages. This way, you can have the information with just a click of the remote.

Another reason that parents like satellite TV is the control locks. If there are certain channels that you don't want your children watching, you simply set those channels as locked. When someone tries to view one of those channels, it will then ask for a parental code. If the user doesn't know the code, he won't be able to view it. Just make sure that the code is something that you can easily remember, but that would be hard for anyone else to guess. This way, it is accessible to you, and only those you share the code with.

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Satellite TV has many advantages as your home entertainment system. Whether you love movies, game shows, old shows, or sports, satellite TV has a package for you and much more.

For more information about Satellite dish visit

<http://www.satelitedish.info>

to get your movie rental

questions answered.

How a Satellite Dish Works

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Satellite technology has made leaps and bounds over the last decade, introducing the world to a whole new era of television entertainment. But have you ever wondered just how a satellite dish works? So did we.

Satellite Dish – A Parabolic Antenna

A satellite dish is basically just an antenna that is designed to receive signals from a specific broadcast source. The dish itself has a bowl-shaped (parabolic) surface to "catch" the signal and send it to the central feed horn as a narrow beam of energy.

To provide you with that quality satellite programming you enjoy so much, your satellite dish must receive a signal from the appropriate source. Man-made satellites orbit around the Earth at just about 20,000 miles into the sky. These satellites receive digital signals from your programming provider, encrypt them and then send them back out to subscribers.

How does your satellite dish know which satellite to receive?

Satellite Dish – Azimuth, Altitude and Skew

Each satellite is put into the sky at specific coordinates, similar to a longitude and latitude for navigating on land. These coordinates, the azimuth, the altitude and the skew, tell your dish exactly where to look. The azimuth is the East/West location while the altitude or elevation tells you how far North of the horizon (ground level) you need to go. The skew is a calculation to compensate for the natural curvature of the Earth itself. With these three coordinates, you can accurately point your satellite dish to receive transmission from the right satellite.

There are some systems that can receive signals from more than one satellite, having multiple horns to pick up multiple signals. To prevent any mix-up, each signal must be accurately reflected to separate feed horns so that there is no interruption.

When your satellite dish catches the signal, it sends it through the feed horn where it is transmitted to your satellite receiver. To make sure you receive a strong satellite transmission, your satellite dish should be mounted in an open area without obstructions such as trees and buildings.

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