



COLUMBUS TELEPHONE CO.

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RFD TV TO RETURN TO FIBERVISION!

One of the best, rural oriented cable TV programs is returning to Columbus. In January, Columbus FiberVision was informed by RFDTV they were moving their signal to a different satellite (one we didn't have an antenna pointed to) within a week. Without the ability to capture the signal, channel 79 went to snow.

While RFDTV did offer a work-a-round solution, it was going to cost over \$1,200/month if we took this option. That cost was something your cooperative could not afford! However, at our February board meeting, management was given approval to purchase and install a new antenna, allowing Columbus FiberVision to once again receive RDFTV.

As soon as all the electronic equipment, the antenna, the installation materials and a contractor is obtained, we will start construction. Hopefully, we will have RFDTV back on the air this Spring. Please bear with us.

Thanks for your understanding as we respond to this situation.

Spring is here and many know this will bring the threat for severe weather. Make sure to tune your TV to *Weatherscan Channel 30* for up to the minute weather for Columbus.

SPRING 2009

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Business Hours

8:00 am to 5:00 pm
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REMEMBER
BEFORE YOU DIG
CALL

1-800-344-7233

SO APPROPRIATE
LOCATES WILL BE
DONE TO AVOID
HITTING ANY
BURIED SERVICES.

INTERNET
HELP DESK
429-3132

HOURS

Mon-Fri 8 am to 5 pm

DO NOT CALL LIST
1-888-382-1222

FUZZY CHANNELS?

If you are experiencing fuzzy locals channels 7, 14, 12 or 16. Please call our office to report this problem and we will dispatch a technician to troubleshoot and check for bad connections.

MORE HD CHANNELS BEING ADDED

This Spring more HD channels will be added to our lineup. These new channels will be placed in the digital Basic 2 tier. To receive these new channels, customers must subscribe to Basic 2 and have a digital TV capable of displaying the channels. We recommend a QAM tuner. For more info please check our information channel 9 periodically for future updates.



Basic 1 \$39.00 for 51 channels

Basic 2 \$53.00 for 78 channels

Premium channels

any 1 premium pkg \$13.00,

any 2 packages \$20.00,

any 3 packages \$28.00,

all 4 premium packages
(9 channels total) \$35.00

Premium Channels available are:
HBO, Cinemax, Encore/Starz/Western,
or Showtime Unlimited

FREE HD Channels



Have you ever wondered what HTTP stands for?

HyperText Transport Protocol allows information to be passed back and forth between web servers and clients. Sometimes you will see HTTPS, this means your computer is talking to a site with a secured code that no one can “eavesdrop” on. If a website ever asks you to enter your credit card information make sure the web address begins https://

**PLEASE
REMEMBER!**

You can redeem
TAPP Vouchers for
hearing impaired at
Columbus Telephone



LCD OR PLASMA?

LCD ADVANTAGE

- 1) No burn-in of static images
- 2) Cooler running temperature
- 3) No high altitude use issues
- 4) Increased image brightness
- 5) Lighter weight
- 6) Longer display life

DISADVANTAGE

- 1) Lower contrast ratio
- 2) Not as good at tracking motion
- 3) Not as common in large screen size above 42 inches
- 4) It is possible individual pixels can burn out

PLASMA ADVANTAGE

- 1) Large screen sizes available
- 2) Better contrast ratio, renders deeper blacks
- 3) Better color saturation and accuracy
- 4) Better motion tracking

DISADVANTAGE

- 1) Susceptible to burn-in or static images
- 2) Generate more heat
- 3) Performance not as good in higher altitudes
- 4) Shorter display life span

“BLACKOUT” ANNOUNCED!

In compliance with MLB “**Blackout Zone**”, TBS has announced it’s intention to “Blackout” all Kansas City Royals and St. Louis Cardinals games that are scheduled to be broadcast on their station (**FiberVision Channel 22**). TBS will force tune TBS East and West to Headline News for the duration of blacked out Games. Sorry! It’s Major League Baseball’s Rule!

Dear FiberVision Customer,

We don't need to tell you about how everything we seem to be buying these days is going up, and up, and up! Well, we have some good news for you.

The programmers we purchase your FiberVision viewing from, continue to increase their charges from 3-5% each year. Your cable TV provider, Columbus FiberVision is NOT going to pass along those increases until we see some positive light at the end of this sluggish economic tunnel! While this decision is going to negatively affect the bottom line on the financial statement, it just wouldn't be right to add an additional burden on the many who are struggling.

When economic times get better, Columbus FiberVision will need to revisit the rate increases we are getting from Hollywood and New York. Until then, we hope you continue to enjoy the clarity of programming coming into your home over the fiber optic network.

If any of our Associate's can help you with your viewing questions, please give us a call at 429-3132.

Respectfully,
Jim Dahmen
General Manager

QUESTION-

I'm registered on the National Do Not Call Registry, yet I'm receiving phone calls from 800 numbers. How can I stop these unwanted calls?

Answer-

The Do Not Call Registry is good for five years. If you were one of the many consumers that registered your number in June 2003, you will need to re-register. It is easy to verify if your number is still on the list. Just visit www.donotcall.gov or call 1-888-382-1222. Certain groups are exempt from the list.

Columbus Telephone Company helping businesses-FREE HELP!

Are you in business now? Are you considering starting a business? Do you need help getting your business to grow? Do you need help in creating a business plan? If you answered yes to two of the above questions, this FREE, professional help is just a phone call away.

Columbus Telephone Co. is pleased to be able to play an introductory role in helping you get the help you need. Through the Kansas Small Business Development Center, you can get business plan development help; market research; startup assistance; and even help in buying or selling a business.

If you want to start a business in Columbus please call us at 429-3132, or if you would prefer, call the Small Business Development Center at 620-235-4920 and ask for Cindy Triplett.

Toll Restriction with PIN is now available from Columbus Telephone. This is a great feature allowing long distance calls to be made from your residential phone and are only allowed to process if the correct pin is keyed, enabling the customer to override toll restriction on a per call basis. For more information please call our office at 429-3132.

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The following was
omitted from our 2009
directory:
AIRBRUSH TANNING
BY JOYCE
901 N INDIANA AVE
620-429-1530

A decorative graphic with a light green background. It features various spring-themed elements: a shovel, a watering can, a flower, a bee, and a watering can. The text is centered in a white box.

SPRING IS HERE!
Please keep in mind before any digging is done be sure to contact KANSAS ONE CALL at 1-800-344-7233 to ensure all utilities are marked prior to any digging This will help avoid hitting any buried services and expensive repair bills from utility companies.

Save time & GAS. Pay your bill online. Just go to our
website: www.columbus-ks.com It is easy and convenient.

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