

Considering CTV? Here's What to Expect

Cooperative Television (CTV) provides access to a variety of television channels for just \$8 per month. While many members enjoy the service, it's important to understand how CTV works and what factors can affect reception.

CTV is delivered using over-the-air UHF television signals. Unlike cable television, these signals travel through the atmosphere before reaching your antenna. As a result, reception can be affected by changing atmospheric conditions throughout the year.

During the summer months, warm temperatures and certain weather patterns can allow television signals from distant broadcasters to travel farther than normal. When this happens, a distant station operating on the same channel frequency may interfere with the signal used by CTV. This is known as co-channel interference.

When co-channel interference occurs, you may notice channels freezing, pixelating, displaying a weak signal message, or disappearing entirely. In many cases, the issue is temporary and resolves itself as atmospheric conditions change. These conditions are most prominent in the morning and evening.

If a channel you normally receive goes out, do not perform a channel rescan. Rescanning for channels locks in any channel your antenna can find at that time. If you rescan during a co-channel interference, you may lock in channels that are not broadcasted by CTV and miss the channel you are trying to get back.

If a channel remains unavailable for more than a day, check the CTV website or Facebook page for service announcements. Occasionally, maintenance or equipment work may affect channel availability, and updates will be posted when known outages occur.