

Installation

Installing your satellite dish and receiver

Now that you've purchased a DIRECTV™ Receiver with UltimateTV® service, it's time to set it up. Although it's possible to install the satellite dish and receiver yourself, if you haven't set up this type of equipment before we recommend having your dish and receiver professionally installed. (Check with DIRECTV or your local DIRECTV retailer for information on current installation promotions, as prices may vary.)

The following checklists will help streamline the installation process:

- Professional installation checklist
- Self installation

Here are answers to common questions about the satellite dish antenna.

Professional installation checklist

We recommend having your receiver and satellite dish antenna professionally installed. (Check with DIRECTV or your local DIRECTV retailer for information on current installation promotions, as prices may vary.)

Confirm prices with your installer before installation. Make sure you inform the installer that you have a DIRECTV™ Receiver with UltimateTV® service and that you will need two separate connections from your receiver to the satellite dish antenna.

To prepare for professional installation of your satellite dish antenna and DIRECTV Receiver, follow these steps:

1. Make sure that you have both your receiver and a dish antenna before your installation appointment.
2. Figure out where you want your receiver to be placed, and determine which direction is south from your home. The dish antenna must be placed where it can "see" the southern sky; make sure no trees or other obstacles are in the way. If it seems like a very long cable (more than 100 feet) will be needed to reach from the antenna to the receiver, tell this to the installer when you schedule your appointment.
3. Remind the installer that you need to have two separate connections from the dual-LNB satellite dish antenna to the two satellite inputs on your receiver. Therefore, the installer will need to bring two cables.
4. Identify the telephone and AC power jacks nearest to the planned location for your receiver. Remember that your receiver will need to be connected to a telephone jack at all times.
5. After the receiver is installed, remember to ask for activation of the UltimateTV service in addition to your DIRECTV® programming package.

Self-installation checklist

If you want to install your receiver yourself, you will need the following (in addition to the receiver and the satellite dish):

- RCA DIRECTV Self Install Kit or equivalent hardware and RG-6 cables.
- Additional RG-6 coaxial cables are needed to connect the antenna to the second tuner on the receiver. The length depends on the distance from the receiver to the satellite dish.
- Self-Installer's Guide (1.2Mb, pdf; download free Acrobat Reader)