### Questions? Get the Answers!



Communications Policy and Regulation Division staff are available to answer inquiries from residents about many cable-related matters, such as



subscription tiers, digital & high definition TVs, using an antenna to get over-the-air channels, tips on buying a new TV, "Smart TVs," and

obtaining free TV programming over the Internet.

#### **Our Mission**

To promote and enhance Fairfax County's cable communications policies.

To enforce public safety and customer service among the cable providers (Comcast, Cox, and Verizon).

To serve as a resource for residents on cable communications issues.

### To File a Consumer Complaint:

If after contacting the cable provider your situation remains unresolved, call the Consumer Affairs Branch to speak to an investigator.

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cableconsumer/csd/consumer

Consumer Affairs Branch 703-222-8435, TTY 711

Consumer Affairs handles a broad range of consumer complaints including cable bill issues, subscription offers, contract matters, and service-call difficulties.

For more information or additional assistance, call or email the Communications Policy and Regulation Division 703-324-5902, TTY 711 CPRD@fairfaxcounty.gov

Further information also is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cableconsumer/cable





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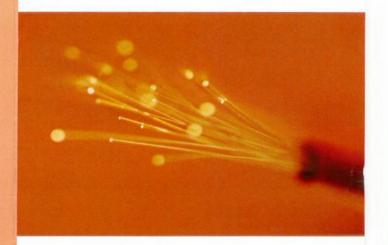
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are agencies of the Fairfax County Department of Cable and Consumer Services

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# Get the Best from Your Cable Provider

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### **Phone Numbers for Cable Providers**

Comcast of Virginia: Cox Communications:

800-266-2278 800-234-3993

Verizon Virginia:

800-837-4966

### Services We Perform:

### Have You Seen These Problems In Your Neighborhood?

- Handle consumers' cable TV complaints.
- Investigate cable TVrelated reception and signal problems.
- Work with cable providers to resolve service and regulatory issues.



Poor signal

- Review cable providers' performance in meeting federal and county customer service standards.
- Inspect cable construction site locations.
- Enforce cable construction and safety codes and other related standards.
- Provide owners with information regarding cable construction on private property.
- Answer county residents' questions about the availability of cable TV service.
- Track new cable, wireless, broadband, and Internet-based communications proposals and technologies.
- Support community access to local Public Educational & Governmental (PEG) television programming.
- Make presentations about cable issues to groups at HOAs, schools, senior and community centers.
- Provide support for the I-Net, Fairfax County's internal video, voice, and data communications to public facilities.
- Enforce cable providers' compliance with cable franchise agreements and codes.
- Analyze and comment on federal, state, and local cable legislation and regulatory proposals before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).
- Negotiate & renew franchise agreements for the provision of cable TV service in the county.

Inspectors spot-check tens of thousands of cable construction sites each year. In addition, they inspect 100% of the problems called in by you: county residents.



Improper installation



Damaged pedestal



Inadequate restoration

Loose cable



Improper road patch



Open or unlocked cabinet



Open underground vault lid







Cable box too low



Sidewalk, driveway & Other property damage



Aboveground cable

If you see a problem, contact us! We will send out an inspector.

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Provide your name & phone. Describe the problem & its address or location.