To move, a station must assess what new hardware and construction is needed, and determine if the current tower can support the new hardware.

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By law, TV stations must move frequencies to make room for wireless services. How does this happen? It’s not as easy as you may think...

1. Coordinate with other stations that may share its tower.

2. Order and pay for the hardware, without promise of full reimbursement from the government.

3. Reinforce its tower if necessary, requiring zoning permits, time and money.

4. Have a new antenna designed, manufactured and delivered.

5. Contract with one of the few qualified tower crews to make infrastructure improvements.

6. Go off air for a short period of time and hope for good weather (no wind, rain or snow) so tower work can be completed.

All of this must happen in a short period of time designated by the government or the station may go dark.

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