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Since the advent of optic fiber cable as the principal media of transmission for TV, internet and home phone, services have been getting more tech savvy than ever before. In fact optic fiber cables are the preferred media by companies like Cox Cable for delivering impeccable services. And to enjoy services delivered through these media, having the right kind of equipment is something that you cannot avoid. Television is one such equipment, and the manufacturers so many that selecting the right one for your home can be daunting to say the least.

Television has come a long way since the CRT technology that was first put to use. They were usually too large by today's standards, consumed lots of energy, had curvatures big enough that made it appear as if the screen had been cut out of glass ball and were too small for the living room. The heat they produced was too uncomfortable to bear. The sound systems they had isn't worthy of writing either. Things have changed so much so that the televisions of today are no thicker than a couple of inches, and are even capable of being hung on the wall. Just as much as the video effects, the sound systems too have changed dramatically. The choices are so many that they can leave the shoppers confused when it is time to buy one for their homes.

The first point you need to take into account before buying a replacement for your home television is the size. A television with a large screen is just as uncomfortable as one with a small one if you do not maintain proper viewing distance. The ideal viewing distance is 2/3 times the width of the television screen. Sitting closer to the screen can make the pixel appear larger and that can disturb your viewing pleasure. In big cities room sizes can be smaller, so take that into consideration before buying the right television set. LCD and Plasma are ideal if space is a constraint. Most LCD and Plasma are capable of being hung on the wall and so help to save a lot of living space.

LCDs and Plasmas are good enough for homes nowadays. They consume lesser energy and therefore produce lesser heat. So normally they are comfortable to use in homes. On the downside when compared with CRT they have a smaller viewing angle. That means fewer people in your family will be able to view at a time, especially if your television is LCD. Plasmas fare a lot better on viewing angles, but they are also more expensive. If you have a budget then you will have to make a compromise and settle for the LCD. Although not extensively sold the OLED is the latest in the world of television technology. They are sort of a hybrid that seeks to iron out the shortcomings in the LCD and Plasma.

Most television sets come with standard sound systems and to enhance their performance you will have to choose appropriate speakers. If the input/out of the television and your speakers match there is generally little that you need to do extra. However, not always you will be lucky enough. Often buyers order speakers that are capable of delivering far superior quality output than the built in speakers in the television. So include an amplifier to match the output requirements of the additional speakers. Speakers can be very expensive to buy, but you will certainly need them to give you quality experience. Although most televisions and speakers are capable of being self installed, getting a professional to do the installation will help save a lot of money in the long run, and that is because professionals alone can help you select the right kind of cable, which you will certainly need in good quantity.

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