



Hopefully you know this already but just in case you don't, the FCC has now officially shut down the 700MHz range for wireless systems and you can be thrown in jail for using one that operates in that frequency range. Thank you for your attention.

Huh? Ok, here's the deal. Wireless microphone manufacturers have traditionally offered many frequency options for their systems. This allows you to choose the frequency that works best or avoid an over-crowded frequency range in your area. This is a great way for many wireless systems to operate in a relatively close proximity to each other and has been the way things work for many years now. Unfortunately, the FCC is closing off the 700MHz range to use it for fire and safety communications, which will only take up a small portion of the range, and selling off the rest of the frequencies in that range to broadband providers such as internet providers and cell phone companies.

Here's what that means to you and I: If you are using any wireless microphone systems that have a listed frequency range from 698MHz to 806MHz they are now illegal to use. As of June 12th, the 700MHz range is closed and any broadcasts happening at those frequencies are subject to a HUGE fine of \$4000 per day, per system, up to a total of \$375,000!

There are many resources on the web to help you determine whether your gear is "legal" or not but here's the word, straight from the horse's mouth <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones/manufacturers.html>.

Please contact Michael W. Templeton at (803) 707-3732 or email mwt@templetonsound.com and he can help you determine if you're in compliance and suggest solutions if you are not.