



LOFT ON LAKE TV Use for Slide Shows/DVD

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Our 52" TV is available for you to use during your event. We have Comcast cable service, so just about anything you can watch at home in Chicago, you can see here with the exception of some of the premium channels.

The TV functions like a digital photo frame. To use this feature, upload jpg files to a USB drive. Include only the files for the slideshow on the drive, no folders or other data. Plug the USB into the side of the TV. There are a few menu items to navigate thru that are very self-explanatory. The slideshow will play continuously. This feature does not support sound. See below for file preparation for full frame slide shows.

The TV also functions as a second monitor for a computer or laptop. In this mode, the screen will display anything that your computer displays and will support sound. To connect to the TV from a computer or laptop, we can provide VGA, DVI and HDMI cables. If you have an older computer or laptop that does not have one of these connections, you will have to supply your own adapter.

We have a standard DVD player that will play DVDs that are properly formatted to play on standard DVD players.

File Preparation for Slideshows

The resolution of the TV is 1920x1080 pixels. Files cropped to 1920x1080 pixels appear full screen. Smaller files are smaller on the screen. Very small files are very small on the screen. There is no way to enlarge a small image to fill the screen, so make sure your files are large enough. The slideshows that we prepare for Loft on Lake are all sized to 1920x1080.

You will need access to photo editing software that has cropping capability. We use Photoshop, but there are many others available.

For full screen horizontal (landscape) images, crop your photos to 1920x1080 pixels.

For vertical (portrait) images, crop the height to 1080 pixels and let the width fall where it may.

For panoramic images, crop the width to 1920 pixels and let the height fall where it may.

Save your files as jpg, medium quality or better. The TV will not display other file formats.

Start with a blank USB thumb drive. Upload jpg files to the drive. Plug into the TV. Follow the instructions on the screen and your slideshow will play.

What Not To Do

Do not load files other than jpps onto the USB thumb drive. Only jpps will work. Powerpoint presentations, digital movie files, Quicktime files etc. will not play on the TV from a thumb drive. Media other than jpps will have to be played from a computer or laptop.

Do not upload your slideshow on a thumb drive that has other files and/or folders on it. Clear off the drive first, then upload the jpg files.

Check your equipment to make sure it is VGA, DVI or HDMI compatible. We urge you to bring your computer or laptop in before your event to make sure it is compatible. Do not arrive on the day of your event with an older laptop and expect to be able to connect it to the TV.

Do not burn computer files to a DVD and expect them to play on our standard DVD player. Only movies that have been properly formatted for play in a standard DVD player will play on our DVD player. For media in other formats, you must bring a laptop compatible with VGA, DVI or HDMI.