Skip EDTV, Get HDTV
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Buying a budget-friendly plasma EDTV set may seem like a good deal now, but hold off a bit and you'll be able to get a true high-definition plasma TV for about the same price. Today, a 42-inch plasma EDTV (enhanced-definition television) costs about $700 less on average than a high-definition television of comparable size. What's the difference? EDTV offers a maximum resolution of **852 x 480** pixels—good for watching DVDs, but far below the **1920 x 1080** pixels required for a true 1080i high-definition picture. As HDTV production revs up, prices will plummet. By next spring, you should be able to find a high-quality 42-inch plasma HDTV set for about $2000, says Pete Putman, creator of HDTVExpert.com. So skip the EDTV today; you'll be glad that you did tomorrow.

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