



Figure 4-10: Make sure you choose a local number for TiVo's daily phone call.

To accommodate different phone setups, TiVo also asks whether you need to dial the number only, the prefix followed by the number, or add a 1 before the prefix and the number. Choose the format your phone company prefers, and press Select.



If you're having trouble finding a free number, check online for the most recent list at <http://www3.tivo.com/tivo-misc/popfinder.do>. You may want to call your local phone company to make sure a number is *really* local. Also, TiVo adds new numbers fairly often. When it adds one for your area code, it lets you know through a message, available through TiVo's opening screen. Finally, depending on your calling plan, an out-of-state number may be less expensive than an in-state number.



If you can't find a local number — but you have a broadband (always “on”) Internet connection — I explain how to connect TiVo to your computer, piggy-back on its Internet connection for free, and bypass phone calls altogether. See chapter 8.

Telling TiVo your television setup

With the phone call setup squared away, TiVo now needs to know about its living conditions: Is it connected to a cable box, for instance? Antenna? Satellite dish?