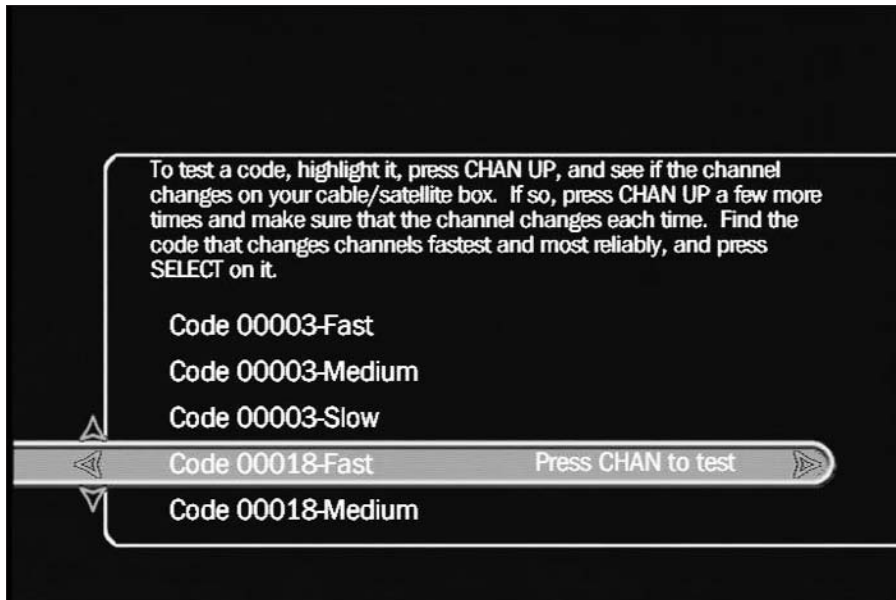


Figure 4-15:
Try each of the channel changing codes supported by your box and select the fastest one that still works reliably.



Letting TiVo make its first Program Call

When you finally finish TiVo's Guided Setup, it doesn't toss you much of a cookie. That's because TiVo needs about a half hour to download details about each show received by each of your channels for the next two weeks.

And after hanging up the phone, TiVo then needs to index that mammoth chunk of new information, cataloging all the actors, directors, themes, ratings, and other handy informational tidbits.

Simply put, your TiVo will be very busy for the next four to eight hours, as shown in Figure 4-16. Feel free to watch, pause, and rewind live TV, but you won't be able to record anything until TiVo finishes sorting its new information.



- ✔ Leave TiVo plugged in during this session to avoid serious problems. In fact, you should *always* leave TiVo plugged in so it can record shows no matter when they're on. (Whenever TiVo is plugged in, it's automatically turned on.) Only unplug TiVo when you need to move it. If your TiVo does lose power during this stage, restart the Guided Setup. After that, TiVo can handle power outages on its own.
- ✔ This long delay only happens during TiVo's initial setup, fortunately. For the rest of its calls, TiVo merely grabs a single day's programming information, and it retains full functionality all the while.