3. Unplug TiVo's power cord and cables.

TiVo doesn't use an "On/Off" switch. To turn it off, just unplug it from the wall. Unplug all its attached cables, and place it on your work area's table. If you like to plan ahead, label the cables with some sticky notes so you know where to plug them back in.

Wait five minutes before removing TiVo's cover; this gives the power supply a little time to discharge.

4. Unscrew the screws on TiVo's cover with a Torx wrench.

Depending on your TiVo model, your upgrade kit came with one or two Torx wrenches. (A Torx wrench's end looks like a "star" that fits perfectly in the screw's indentations. Regular screwdrivers won't work.) Use the Torx wrench to remove the screws holding TiVo's cover to its chassis, seen in Figure 12-2. Be sure to remove *only* the screws on the cover itself; avoid removing screws that hold other parts to the chassis.

Put the screws in a safe place so you don't lose them. I use an empty egg carton, placing each set of removed screws into a different egg's compartment.

5. Remove TiVo's cover from its chassis.

Slide TiVo's cover from its front toward the back. (You may have to push rather hard, sometimes with your palms along the top's side edges.) As the cover slides back, lift it up and off TiVo.

Once you're inside, be careful of static electricity. If you live in a static-prone area, use an anti-static wrist strap (available at Radio Shack and other places) to avoid harming TiVo's sensitive internal organs. No anti-static strap around? Then you can always touch the metal chassis with your hand before touching any electronic components.



Remove only the screws holding TiVo's case to the chassis.



Don't remove screws from the chassis itself.

Figure 12-2:
Remove
only the
screws
holding
TiVo's cover
to its
chassis,
being
careful not
to remove
any other
screws.



