

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

HEATER CHECKLIST

- Purchase a heater that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- >>> Keep the heater at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn, including people.
- >>>> Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- **)))** Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- >>>> Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
-))) Keep children away from the space heater.
- >>>> Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

Types of electric space heaters

Oil or water-filled radiator Heated oil or water travels through the heater.

Fan-forced heater A fan blows warm air over metal coils.

Ceramic heater Air is warmed over a ceramic heating element.

Infrared heaters Heat is created by infrared bulbs.

Fact

Nearly half of all space heater fires involve electric space heaters.

