

Comfort Corner

A Hot Topic: The Next Generation Of Portable Heaters

(NAPSA)—If you have a warm spot for portable space heaters, you're not alone. According to the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers, they're used by more than 53 percent of Americans to supplement heating in their homes.

One reason may be that, as the Alliance to Save Energy points out, lowering your thermostat by just 1 degree in the heating season can save you 5 percent in heating costs. You can save hundreds of dollars in heating bills annually—an entire oil or gas bill, for many homeowners—if you simply turn down your central heating and turn on a portable heater in the room you're in the most.

Home Heaters Today

Portable heaters are as safe to use as any kitchen appliance if used properly. They use the same amount of electricity as a coffee-maker, electric griddle or toaster oven. Numerous safety features include cool-touch handles and casings, devices to prevent overheating, and tip-over switches that automatically shut the heater off when tipped over. A few Honeywell heaters also offer an Auto-Off Safety Sensor that senses when an object gets too close and shuts the heater off until the object is removed—a great feature for active households with children or pets.

The digital controls, programmable thermostats and Energy-Smart controls on some Honeywell heaters help portable heaters use energy more efficiently while maintaining room comfort.



You can increase your comfort and decrease your home heating costs with the help of a portable heater.

There are many designs—sleek towers, compact units or base-board styles that fit into any home decor. They come with new features such as oscillation and 36-degree heating or with special finishes in many shades. For the nostalgic, the traditional radiator style is still available.

What Else You Can Do

Other ways to save on energy costs, the U.S. Department of Energy suggests, include:

- Caulk and weather-strip windows and exterior doors.
- Carefully select, install and use window treatments or coverings.
- Properly insulate and air-seal your home.
- Plant windbreaks—trees and shrubs—around your home.

See How You Can Save

For more information, including how much money portable heaters could save you, see www.honeywellheatsavings.com or call (800) 332-1110.