

ENERGY MATTERS

Beat Energy Bills That Give You The Shivers

(NAPSA)—Heating your house doesn't need to leave you out in the cold.

Portable heaters are a terrific way for households to save money on heating bills, especially in fall and spring when you don't want to heat an entire house.

The average annual cost to heat a 1,500 sq. ft. house at 70 degrees is \$1,700. Portable heaters can supplement your central heating, keep drafty basements or workshops warm and create a personal level of comfort in whatever room you're in. According to the Rocky Mountain Institute, lowering your thermostat by just one degree can save you almost 2 percent in heating costs. Think of that as eliminating one whole oil or gas bill for many homeowners.

To help you see how much money portable heaters can save you, there's a unique Web site you can tap into. Log on to www.honeywellheatsavings.com, where a free interactive "savings calculator" enables you to quickly and easily see how much you can potentially save on your heating bills. The site also provides safety tips, additional energy-savings guides and a How to Choose the Best Heater for You section.

To determine what type of portable heater is best for you, first, decide what room you want to heat. The size of the room will help you



choose the most effective heater. Next, decide if you want just personal warmth or if the goal is to heat the whole room. Also, figure out where you want to put your heater—on the table or floor.

Evaluate the different types of heaters on the market—ceramic, baseboard, fan-forced, radiator and quartz/carbon—to determine the type of portable heater for you. Check to see that the heater has extra safety features. For example, the Honeywell Safety Matters Program offers such feature options as a safety tip-over switch, overheat protection device and the SafeGuard alert badge. As with all common household appliances, be sure to read the manufacturer's safety tips and owner's manual prior to use.

Visit the How to Choose the Best Heater for You section at www.honeywellheatsavings.com to learn more.