

Shopping for a Portable Electric Heater?

These tips will help you save money and energy, while staying comfortable and safe.



- Most electric space heaters are 1,500 watts, and all 1,500-watt electric heaters produce the same amount of heat - and use the same amount of electricity - regardless of cost, brand name or style.
 - Any 1,500-watt portable electric heater will cost less than 8 cents an hour to operate (at Cowlitz PUD's residential rate of 5.12 cents/kWh).
 - An electric space heater can help you feel more comfortable, but it won't save you money unless you turn down your central heating system and use the space heater in just one room.
- ✓ **Important:** You can purchase an effective, lightweight, safe, 1,500-watt UL-rated electric heater for under \$40.00 at many local stores.
- ✓ **Most Important:** Follow the safety rules listed by Underwriters Laboratory:
www.ul.com/newsroom/heating/space.html

More information on portable electric space heaters is available at:

US Department of Energy:
Portable Heaters Factsheet

www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/your_home/space_heating_cooling/index.cfm/mytopic+12600

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Be a Smart Buyer!

**Remember that not all product endorsements are true.
You can purchase an effective, safe and lightweight 1,500-watt
electric heater for under \$40.00 at local retailers.**

**The heat produced and energy cost will be
the same as any other 1,500-watt electric heater.**