



# Space Heaters

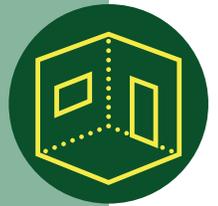


Electric space heaters are an accessible form of heat. But the reality is that space heaters can also greatly increase the cost of your electric bill if you're not careful with their use. Operating a space heater for eight hours a day for a full month could add as much as \$40-\$100 to your monthly electric bill.

To help avoid costs associated with excessive space heater use, here are some good tips that you can try out:

## **LIMIT SPACE HEATER USE TO SMALL, CLOSED OFF ROOMS.**

Space heaters work best if they are used in small that can be easily closed off. This allows shorter operating times for the space heater because heat is being retained in the desired space. Heat in open spaces such as living rooms can easily be lost because it cannot be easily contained.

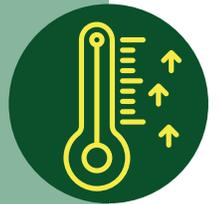


## **INSULATE WINDOWS AND DOORS WHEN POSSIBLE.**

Heat is easily lost through the windows and doors of a room. Insulating these areas and preventing that heat loss will help reduce the amount of time you need to run your space heater which will use less energy. This can be done by closing your window shades completely or putting a draft stopper on your door to keep warm air from escaping.

## **USE A THERMOMETER TO MONITOR ROOM TEMPERATURE.**

Older space heaters won't have an internal thermometer or a way to adjust the temperature, and newer ones that do have these settings are usually inaccurate. Keep a separate room thermometer to ensure your space heater is not overheating the room you are in or doing more work than it needs to.



## **USE A SPACE HEATER WITH A BUILT-IN TIMER.**

Unchecked space heater use usually occurs at night when it is left on while you sleep, which can result in several extra hours of unnecessary heating. A space heater with a built-in timer setting will allow you to control the length of time it may run while you're asleep. For your safety and fire prevention, ensure your space heater has an automatic shut-off function.