

## THE HOT FACTS ON SPACE HEATERS

- Electric space heaters typically use coils of resistance wire to generate heat, like toasters.
- Some have fans to spread heat around the room.
- Others use ceramic pieces or oil-filled radiators to store heat.
- Usually not the most economical or efficient solution for home heating.
- Even a small one can use 1500 watts of electricity (same as 20 standard 75-watt light bulbs).
- Running a 1500 watt heater, 8 hours a day at \$.08/kWh can add \$18 to your monthly energy bill.
- Cool or drafty rooms usually need better sealing, not space heaters.
- Don't place space heaters where young children or pets may touch hot areas.
- Keep them away from paper and other combustible materials, too.
- Many non-electric space heaters are not safe for indoor use without ventilation.