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# Portable Heaters Help Cut Heating Bills

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(NU) - With rising food costs and fluctuating gas and energy prices, many of us feel the pinch in our wallets and bank accounts.

How can we stay warm without breaking the bank? According to the Alliance to Save Energy organization, lowering your thermostat one degree saves you 4 percent in heating costs. If every household in the U.S. turned their thermostat down just 2 degrees, each home could save 8 percent in heating costs. America would save more than \$11.3 billion each year.

With the money saved from lowering thermostats 2 degrees, Americans could:

- Feed 11.6 million families of four – or the entire population of New York City and Chicago for four years.
- Fuel 8.4 million cars for one year.
- Cover four years of public or state college expenses, including tuition, room and board, for 237,000 students.

If lowering your thermostat makes you feel chilled, consider using portable heaters, which allow you to heat the rooms that you use, rather than the whole house. With portable heaters, consumers can save hundreds of dollars annually – an entire oil or gas bill for many homeowners.

To see how much money portable heaters could save you this winter, log onto [www.honeywellheatsavings.com](http://www.honeywellheatsavings.com), where a free, interactive “savings calculator” lets you quickly and easily see how much you could save on heating costs. The site also provides safety tips and ad-



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ditional energy-savings guides.

What type of portable heater will best suit you? First, decide what rooms you want to heat. The rooms' size will help you choose the most effective heater.

Next, determine if you want personal warmth or to heat the whole room. Also, decide where you want to put your heater – on the table or on the floor.

When heading to the store, you can evaluate the different types of heaters on the market – ceramic, baseboard, fan-forced, radiator and quartz/carbon – to determine the type of portable heater that's best for you.

You should also check out the safety features. Extra safety features, like the ones included in the Honeywell Safety Matters Program – a safety tip-over switch, overheat protection device and the SafeGuard Alert Badge, help ensure your family's safety.

As with all common household appliances, be sure to read the manufacturer's safety tips and owner's manual prior to use.