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Choosing the Honeywell Heater that is Best for You Portable Heater Buying Guide

Portable heaters can help you save up to hundreds of dollars annually by supplementing your central heating system with a portable heater to heat the rooms you use most. They can also help bridge the gap between seasons when you're not ready to turn on or off the central heating system. But what type of portable heater is best for you? Here are some tips to help you choose the best heater for each of your rooms.

Why do you need a portable heater?

- Benefit from substantial savings on energy costs – something that's on everyone's mind as energy prices continue to rise!
- Portable heaters are a terrific way for households to save money on heating bills, especially during the in-between seasons like October/November and March/April when you don't want to heat an entire house.
- During the winter months, turn your thermostat down and turn up your portable heater so you can save by heating the rooms you're in rather than the rooms you're not in.
- Create your own personal level of comfort ("my spouse is always hot and I'm always cold!")
- Warm up a drafty basement, office, workshop or vacation home.

How will you use a portable heater?

- What room do you want to use a portable heater?
- Are you going to use this to heat you personally or heat the whole room?
- Where do you want to put the portable heater (table, floor)?

Making Sense of the Array of Heater Options

There are a number of different types of portable heaters on the market. Answering the above questions will help you in deciding the best heater option for you.

- **Ceramic** – A ceramic heater provides quick, focused heating. It can be easily directed to send warmth where it's most needed. Ceramic heaters are the most commonly purchased variety of heater and are available in several shapes and sizes. They are commonly used in sunrooms, workshops and small offices.
- **Baseboard/Convection** – Baseboard heaters are terrific to use in places where you do not currently have heat (like a basement or family room). They are quiet and heat the air in the whole room. Baseboard heaters are low-profile (short and line up against a wall) and are therefore less noticeable.
- **Fan-Forced** – Like ceramic models, fan-forced heaters provide personal, directional heating, creating currents of warm air that can be directed by the user. They are highly efficient at heating the exact space you are in. Fan-forced heaters are commonly found in bedrooms, offices and workshops.
- **Radiator** – A radiator heater efficiently heats the air in the room through ambient heat vs. a direct stream of heat. It is a popular type of heater because it simulates a traditional home radiator and blends nicely in most environments. It is widely used in basements and family/living room.
- **Quartz or Carbon** – This heater also provides quick, focused heating. A quartz/carbon portable heater is a personal heater; it heats you, not the air around you. This makes it much more energy

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efficient, running at a lower wattage than traditional heaters while still emitting the same amount of powerful heat. It is most commonly used in workshops and basements.

What to Look for Once you Decide on a Portable Heater

- Be sure your heater has extra safety features (like the Honeywell Safety Matters program that includes safety features like cool touch casing, tip-over protection, safe guard grill alert badge and auto-off motion safety sensor).
- Know where you will put your heater to help decide on shape, color and style.
- Make sure your electrical outlet is safe and secure. Call a qualified repairman to replace a suspect outlet.

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