



BUMPASS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Winter Heating Checklist

Space heaters, fuel heaters and the yearly heating check

EVERY SPACE HEATER

- ☐ 3 feet of clear space from anything that can burn, including people.
- ☐ Plugged directly into a wall outlet; never an extension cord.
- ☐ Solid, flat surface; out of foot traffic; never blocking an exit.
- ☐ Tip-over shut-off, thermostat and overheat protection.
- ☐ Off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

FUEL-BURNING HEATERS

- ☐ Only the fuel the manufacturer specifies.
- ☐ Kerosene refuelled outdoors, after the heater has cooled.
- ☐ Working CO alarms in the home.

ONCE A YEAR

- ☐ Heating equipment and chimney cleaned and inspected by a qualified professional.
- ☐ Never heat the home with the oven.
- ☐ Smoke alarms tested monthly.

EMERGENCY: CALL 911. Get out first, then call.

Non-emergency questions: 540-872-2400 | bumpassfire.org/safety/space-heater-safety

Sources: NFPA, Portable Space Heater Safety tip sheet (PDF); NFPA, Heating Safety tip sheet (PDF); Red Cross, Home Fire Preparedness; USFA, Heating Fire Safety.