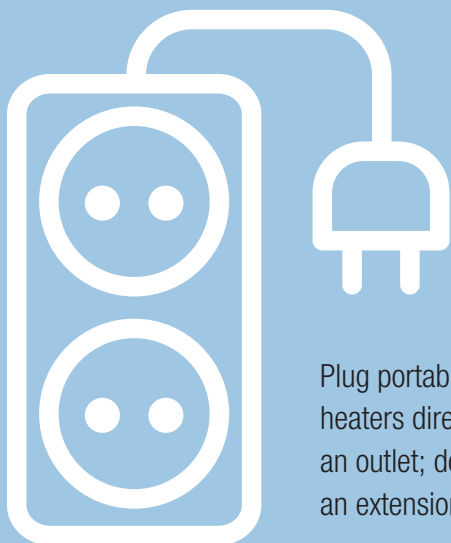


# Portable Space Heater Safety Tips

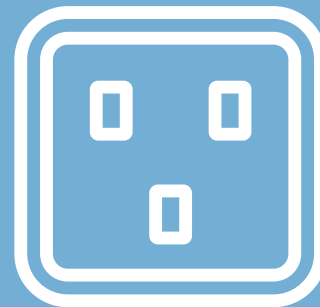


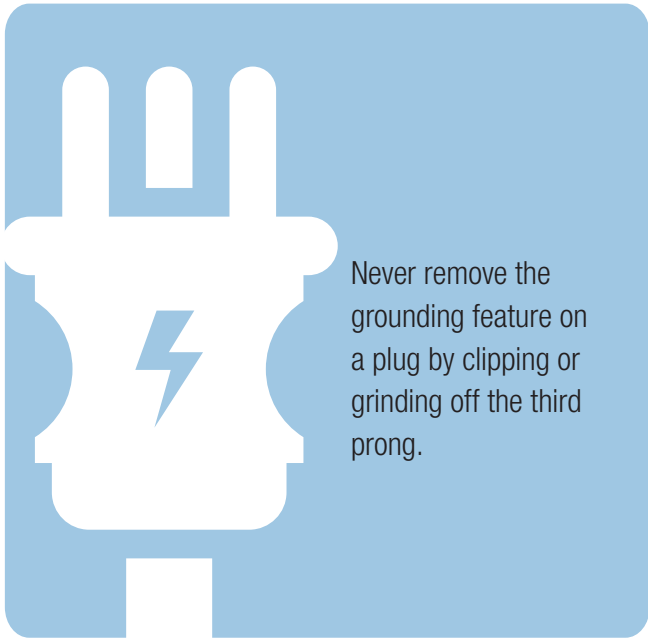
When temperatures dip, portable space heaters can warm a cold and drafty house. Your community-owned utility recommends following these safety principles with portable space heaters:



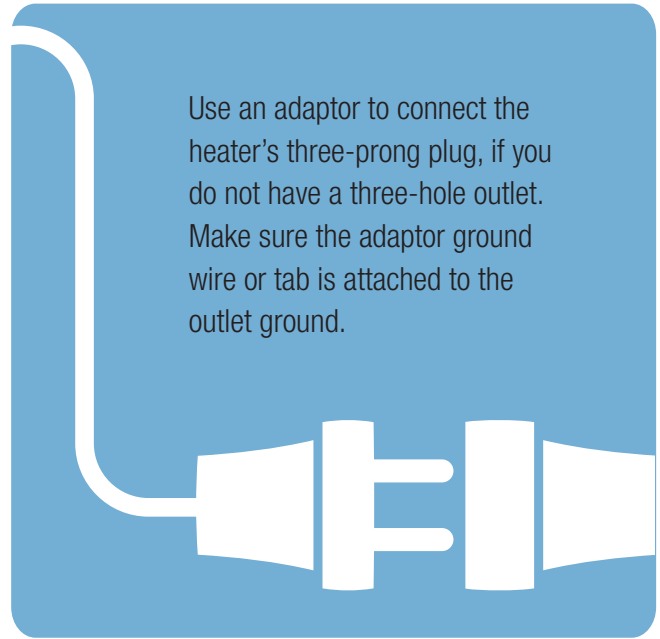
Plug portable space heaters directly into an outlet; do not use an extension cord.

Make certain the circuit you plug a space heater into can adequately and safely handle the added demand.

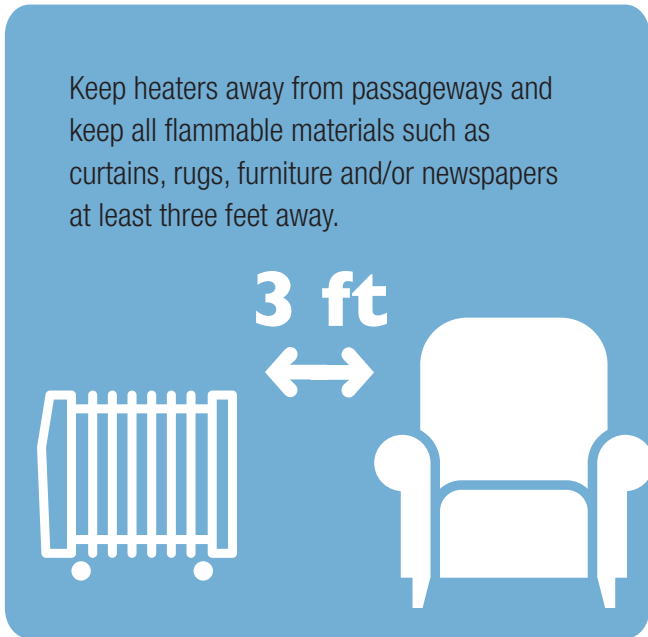




Never remove the grounding feature on a plug by clipping or grinding off the third prong.



Use an adaptor to connect the heater's three-prong plug, if you do not have a three-hole outlet. Make sure the adaptor ground wire or tab is attached to the outlet ground.



Keep heaters away from passageways and keep all flammable materials such as curtains, rugs, furniture and/or newspapers at least three feet away.



Unplug and safely store portable space heaters when not in use.



For more electrical safety tips, visit the Electrical Safety Foundation International at [www.esfi.org](http://www.esfi.org).

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