

Electric Space Heaters, What You Should Know

THE EXPENSE OF RUNNING SPACE HEATERS:

Please note that a typical space heater uses 1500 watts of electricity. 1 hour of operation consumes 1.5 kilowatt hours.

At Marshfield Utilities current rate of \$.07850, a 1,500 watt space heater will cost you \$.11 per hour of operation.

If you operate that space heater 24 hours a day for a full month, it will cost you just over \$84.78.

BECAUSE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATERS USE A LOT OF WATTAGE:

It is important that the circuit used to power your space heater is rated at 20 amps. No other larger appliance should be used on the circuit supplying power to the space heater.

Do not use electric space heaters on a 15 amp circuit, since this may trip the circuit or cause damage to your wiring.

Electric space heaters should be used only in the room you are occupying, as supplemental heating, and not as a stand-alone heat supply.

Please be sure to read and follow all manufacture instructions prior to using electric space heaters.

ESTIMATED OPERATING COSTS:

Cost for one 1,500 watt heater at 7.85 cents per kWh

Hours of Use	Cost Per Day	Cost Per Month
1 hour daily	\$0.11	\$3.30
8 hours daily	\$0.94	\$28.26
12 hours daily	\$1.41	\$42.39
16 hours daily	\$1.88	\$56.52
24 hours daily	\$2.82	\$84.78

Marshfield Utilities, a not-for-profit utility, works to maintain the lowest rates for our customers. We're proud to provide one of the least expensive electric rates within the state of Wisconsin.

We do our best to inform our customers about the best practices of conserving on your utilities. If you have questions or concerns regarding your energy consumption, please contact our Energy & Water Conservation Coordinator, James Benson at 715-387-1195.

