

Beyond the Wire

Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.



Friday Fun Flight

On November 1, Central Valley Electric Cooperative participated in the Artesia Chamber of Commerce Balloons and Tunes event.

CVE sponsored one of the hot air balloons for the Friday Fun Flight, which launches one balloon from every school in Artesia. Three CVE employees and their sons helped the balloon pilot, and his crew set up and launch a balloon from the playground at Grand Heights Early Childhood Center.

Thank you to the Artesia Chamber of Commerce and Grand Heights for letting us be part of this fun event.

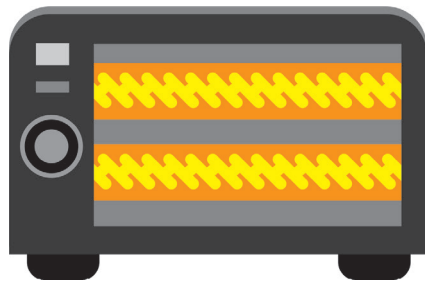


Our office will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24, and Wednesday, Dec. 25, to spend Christmas with our families.

Are Portable Space Heaters Efficient for My Home?

Small space heaters are meant to do exactly as their name says: heat a small space. But unfortunately, many people use portable space heaters to heat their entire home, which can really take a toll on your energy bills. Whether you should use space heaters really depends on your home's efficiency and energy needs.

If you're using a space heater to compensate for problems in your home, like inadequate insulation, drafty windows and exterior doors, or an inefficient heating system, space heaters are not a practical solution. Your best bet is to improve the overall efficiency of your home. If you're on a tight budget, caulking and weather stripping around windows and exterior doors is a low-cost, easy way to save energy. Depending on the size of your home, adding insulation can be a great next step. Taking these proactive energy-saving measures rather than relying on space heaters for supplemental warmth can reduce your heating and cooling bills for years to come.




If your home is energy efficient but you're cold-natured and want a specific room to be cozier than the rest, than a space heater may work for your needs. Here are tips on how to use space heaters safely:

- **Make sure the space heater is clean** and in good condition.
- **Place space heater out of high-traffic areas** and on level, hard, non-flammable floor surfaces - NOT on carpets, furniture, or countertops.
- **Keep space heaters at least three feet from combustible liquids**, like fuel, spray cans, and paint.
- **Plug space heaters directly into outlets**, and never use an extension cord or multiple plugs.
- **Replace older space heaters** with newer, safer models.
- **Always turn off space heaters when not in use.** Never leave one of these devices on unattended.

We know it can get cold out there, but remember in addition to safety concerns, space heaters can greatly increase your energy bills if used improperly.

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