



# Cameron Peak/East Troublesome Wildfires

## 2020 Portable Space Heater Safety

A COMMUNITY INFORMATION GUIDE

### WHAT TO KNOW

In many areas within our community, natural gas utilities have been shutoff to mitigate the impact of wildfire.

In an effort to provide freeze protection, Xcel Energy has provided electric, portable space heaters to customers.

### Electric Portable Space Heaters can be a FIRE HAZARD!

### WHAT TO DO

**Keep Heaters at least 3 feet from anything that can burn!**

This includes furniture, bedding, papers, clothes, curtains, or carpet.

**Use extreme caution when used near children or pets!**

Children and pets can be severely burned.

**Never leave a space heater unattended!**

Space heaters can quickly cause fires, never leave a heater on when sleeping. Pets can accidentally overturn a space heater.

**Never use an extension cord or powerstrip!**

Always plug heaters directly into an electrical receptacle.

Never use an extension cord or a powerstrip to operate.

A 1500 watt heater uses 12.5 amps of energy; a “best practice” is to dedicate one outlet/circuit for the use of the heater.

**Always ensure that space heaters are turned off!**

Ensure controls are “off” and that the heater is unplugged.

**Always read, follow and save the instructions!**

Take the time to read and follow all manufacturer’s information.

Please note that these are provided in both English & Spanish.



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## Fire Facts

**43%** of home heating fires were caused by space heaters.

**85%** of home heating fire deaths involved space heaters.

-NFPA, 2011-2015 data

