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Small gas space heaters can lower heating bills

Especially in the evenings, our living room gets chilly when we watch TV. I have seen some small gas space heaters at the home store. Are they efficient, quiet, safe and easy-to-install? — Larry P.

It sounds like you are reading from the packaging and it is all true. Using a small direct-vent gas, propane or kerosene space heater is efficient and can lower your heating bills. They are also quiet and safe for children. The new models are attractive and have 10-year warranties.

If your area has problems with electricity outages, some gas space heaters generate their own electricity for the controls and they continue to heat. A thermocouple in the burner assembly produces the tiny millivolt current needed. A central gas or oil furnace shuts down when the power goes off. Small direct-vent space heaters are simple



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Chuck and Barbara McClain were attracted to the Queen Anne home at 1640 Vermont, left, for a variety of reasons. One favorite element is the unusual box-like fireplace in the family room, above. Below center is a view of the bedroom.

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