

# LOCUST VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT – PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS



## Space Heater Safety

- Place all space heaters at least 36 inches away from flammable materials, including wallpaper, bedding, clothing, pets, and people.
- Do not leave space heaters unattended or in use while sleeping.
- Never place articles for drying over space heaters.
- Check electrical space heaters for fraying or splitting wires and overheating.
- Let a professional repair person correct all problems before operating the space heater.
- Always use the proper fuel for liquid fueled heaters. The wrong fuel could burn hotter than the equipment's design limits.
- Be sure space heaters are properly vented. Refill them in well-ventilated areas and only when they are cool.
- All space heaters should bear the label of an independent testing laboratory.