The Best Portable Air Conditioners to Keep Any Small Space Cool

Summer's heat does not hold back, and those of us without central air conditioning have our work cut out for us to prepare. For the rooms where a window AC unit just doesn't fit (or isn't allowed by landlords), a portable air conditioning unit is a game-changer.

These top picks from the Good Housekeeping Institute are quieter and won't hog as much space as others on the market — and more importantly, they'll keep things cool as a cucumber.

Rated #1

Overall Pick: Whynter ARC-14S Eco-friendly 14000 BTU Dual Hose Portable Air Conditioner

This A/C has a dual hose so it can cool down a room faster than other portable units. It also works as a fan (with 3 speeds), an air conditioner, and a dehumidifier.

- Cooling Area: 500 square feet
- Unit Dimensions: 16 x 19 x 35.5 inches
- Weight: 80 pounds

Rated #5

Whynter ARC-14SH Eco-friendly 14000 BTU Dual Hose Portable Air Conditioner with Heater

Almost identical in function to our overall pick, this unit also functions as a heater so you can use it year-round. Manufacturers say it cools as low as 61°F and heats up to 77°F, so you'll be comfortable no matter the weather.

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- Unit Dimensions: 16 x 19 x 35.5 inches
- Weight: 80 pounds