



Mount Joy Borough Codes Department

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1. Air fryer: Air fryers are great for quickly cooking and warming food, including full meals and side dishes, but it's not a good idea to attach them to an extension cord or power strip. Although they range in wattage based on size, large air fryers can draw up to 2,000 watts, making them a major fire hazard if they're attached to an extension cord. So, if you don't have counter space to keep your air fryer out full time, it's best to pull it out when needed and plug it into a dedicated wall outlet

2. Microwave: Many have homes with a built-in microwave, but not everybody has this feature. If you must find a place to connect yours in your kitchen, this is another heavy-duty appliance that should live on its own dedicated circuit due to high wattage.

3. Extension cords: Plugging extension cords into other extension cords is another huge "no" in the electrician world. When this is done, it's known as "daisy chaining." It can lead to the circuit overheating, which would cause the cords to overheat.

4. Space heaters: Electric heaters have long been known to be a major cause of fires. The Consumer Product Safety Commission previously estimated that between 2017 and 2019, portable space heaters were involved in 1,700 fires per year, with some of those fires resulting in deaths.

Let's say you connect [an extension cord] to a floor heater, the plug melts and it starts a fire. That's why you can't use extension cords and/or power strips for any appliances, because they should be used for **electronics only**.

5. Toaster and toaster oven: Although toasters are on the smaller side when it comes to kitchen appliances, they use a lot of energy and pose a fire threat if connected to extension cord. Toaster ovens need even more power to operate with wattages ranging from 1,200 to 1,400 watts.

6. Refrigerator: Although refrigerators use less wattage than some other kitchen appliances, they're still not recommended for extension cord use as they are constantly running. Even if the extension cord doesn't cause a fire when attached to a fridge, there's a possibility it could cause the fridge to malfunction.

The bottom line when it comes to extension cords and power strips: No appliances should ever use an extension cord and power strip.