



Ways small businesses can save with energy efficiency



Energy assessment

Conduct an energySMART assessment to learn where your business is wasting energy and find projects to help you save.



Water temperature

Lower your water heater temperature to be only as hot as needed (generally between 110 and 120 degrees) to help prevent scalding and save energy.



Heating system

Tune up your furnace. Annual maintenance keeps units running more efficiently and for longer, saving you energy and money.



Control sunlight

Control direct sunlight with blinds or window coverings. Solar screens, awnings and even vegetation can help keep your business cool.



Smart thermostat

Make sure to check the settings on your programmable thermostat to be sure they're set correctly for when no one is in the building or consider upgrading to a smart thermostat.



Use fans

Fans can help your business maintain a comfortable temperature and lower humidity.



Automatic or low-flow taps

Use automatic or low-flow taps. Installing automatic water-saving faucets, showerheads and toilets may save your business money.



Plug and repair leaks

Plug leaks at doors, windows and in ductwork with weather stripping and caulking to reduce heat loss.



Water heater

Upgrade to a more efficient water heater or insulate the existing one. If your business's water heater is older than seven years, wrapping it in insulation can retain water heat.



Air flow

Make sure radiators, air intake vents, etc., are not covered or blocked so that air can flow freely.



Restaurant

Install pre-rinse spray valves in your commercial kitchen.



Turn off cooking vents when not in use to keep air from escaping – this can lead to higher heating costs.



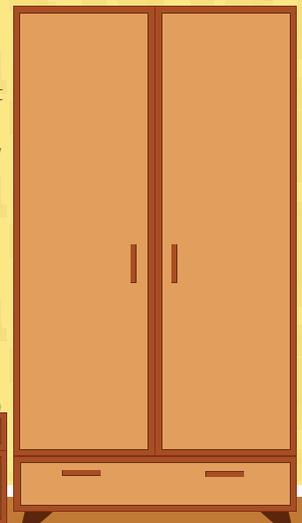
Maintain gas ranges and check for leaks or lost knobs.

Hotel

Seal cracks around windows, doors, and through-the-wall or window type HVAC units with caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.

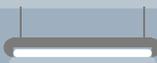
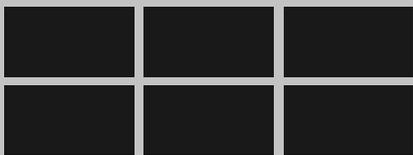


Install timers on fans so they don't run continuously and let air escape, leading to higher heating costs.



Mechanic

Check seals around bay doors to minimize air loss.



If your shop uses gas powered compressors, make sure you are using the most efficient compressor for the job and keep them maintained.

