



## 42 Ways to Save Energy

### Your businesses can save energy by....

#### Behavioral

- Posting reminder signs to keep temperatures turned down
- Setting back temperatures overnight
- Shutting off television when not in use
- Training employees to scrape dirty dishes before rinsing with hot water
- Turning off and unplugging equipment during non-operating hours
- Turning off lights in unoccupied spaces
- Unplugging microwave when not in use
- Unplugging office equipment after hours

#### Maintenance and Operations

- Maintaining and HVAC systems
- Participating in utility interruptible or time of use program such as the Xcel Energy Saver Switch program
- Regularly check and change HVAC filters
- Regularly maintaining air compressor
- Implement maintenance plan and schedule for all energy consuming equipment

#### Plug Load

- Connecting all plugs for equipment to one switch, making it easy to shut off everything at once
- Setting computer monitor sleep settings
- Setting computer sleep settings
- Setting copier sleep settings
- Using a power strip to shut off microwave and coffee maker overnight
- Using a small fridge instead of a large fridge
- Using an "Open for Business" sign that does not use electricity

#### Lighting

- Participating in electric utility lighting retrofit program
- Using an LED "Open" sign
- Using CFL bulbs
- Using efficient T8 lights
- Using LED exit signs instead of incandescent exit signs
- Using occupancy or motion sensors
- Using sunlight instead of lights when possible



### **Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning**

- Cooling with outdoor air -- open doors and windows before turning on A/C
- Setting a timer on the A/C
- Turning off A/C overnight
- Using a programmable thermostat
- Using fans to circulate cool air

### **Industry Specific Opportunities**

- Keeping ice machine lid closed
- Regularly cleaning refrigerator condenser coils and otherwise maintain refrigeration systems
- Turning off kitchen hood during non-operating hours
- Using a pre-rinse spray nozzle

### **Building Envelope**

- Tightly sealing the building envelope, including windows and doors
- Using double pane windows and double doors
- Using blinds or other window covering to reduce solar heat gain in summer
- Using plastic film on windows

### **Heating Water**

- Using low-flow faucet aerators on restroom sinks to reduce hot water use
- Using a small water heater instead of a large water heater

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