

Keep more profits in your North Carolina business

Use these simple tips

Easy Temperature Savings

- Turn down the thermostat at night and on weekends - save 33% in heating and cooling.
- Don't allow space heaters - save \$80 per employee each winter.

Easy Lighting Savings

- Make sure you and your staff always turn out the lights when you leave a room.
- Replace old light bulbs in exit signs and elsewhere - save \$20 per year with each compact fluorescent or LED.

Easy Equipment Savings

- Set your computers to "sleep" after 30 minutes - save \$66 per year for each computer.
- Turn off printers and copiers every night.
- Always purchase Energy Star-labeled office equipment.
- Set all your computers to default to double-sided printing.

Easy Water Savings

- Immediately fix all leaky faucets and runny toilets - save \$70 each year.
- Switch to a front-loading washing machine - save over \$75 each year.
- Install aerators on the faucets of all sinks - save \$3 per user each year.

Easy Fuel Savings

- Keep your vehicle tires inflated.
- Turn off the engine when stopped for more than 3 minutes - save more than 11 cents per gallon on gas.

Source: *Self-Assessment Guide for Energy Saving Opportunities, Waste Reduction Partners and the NC State Energy Office, 2008.*

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- Replace old T-12 fluorescent and metal halide lights with more efficient and longer-lasting options - Energy savings of more than 30%.
- Install occupancy sensors in restrooms, meeting rooms and offices - Energy reductions range from 22 – 75%.
- Install timers or photo-sensors on exterior lighting.
- Replace toilets if yours date from before 1994.
- Install timers on irrigation or sprinkler systems. Don't water when it is raining.
- Replace company vehicles with higher-MPG models. Compared to a 20-miles-per-gallon car, a 30-miles-per-gallon car saves \$878 per year.
- Solar hot water can have excellent payback times for large water-users (cafeterias, multifamily residential and health care facilities).
- When HVAC needs replacing, purchase units that are more efficient. Seek rebates through your HVAC contractor.
- We finance renovations and energy up-fits for commercial buildings. Contact us for your efficiency project financing needs

Achieve More with Expert Help

Once low cost measures are in place, it is time to turn to professionals – both vendors and consultants – to help find opportunities with strong returns on investment.

North Carolina Resources

- Waste Reduction Partners: www.wastereductionpartners.com
- North Carolina Industrial Extension: www.ies.ncsu.edu
- The NC Farm Energy Efficiency Project (FEEP): www.NCfarmenergy.org
- Find local energy professionals at: www.greenprofessionals.org and www.energy-NC.org

Not in North Carolina?

Contact your local utility company and ask about their energy offerings.

Search the Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency for state and local incentives: www.dsireusa.org

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