



How to 'B' Green.

Energy saving tips.

Even small steps can help your business reduce the amount of energy you are using each month thereby reducing your energy bills. You save on your gas bill; and by reducing your energy consumption you help reduce your carbon footprint, and thus help the environment.

Steps you can take to save energy today

Weatherization – Look for drafty or broken windows and gaps around frames and doors, and seal them whenever possible. Most air leaks around doors and windows can be easily sealed with weather stripping that is available at any local hardware store. You can also install curtains on your windows.

HVAC temperature setbacks – Adjusting temperature settings can be a source of substantial savings. In particular, it's a great idea to turn temperature settings down during unoccupied hours and on weekends during the winter. You can also try implementing small temperature setbacks during working hours—a simple temperature change of 1° or 2° Fahrenheit will frequently go unnoticed by employees and occupants.

Clean or replace ALL filters; HVAC ductwork and furnace – Dirty filters make your equipment work harder to push air through, thus using more energy and reducing the life of your equipment. Most filters will be found at the side of your furnace. You may have to remove an access panel to get to it and it could be quite dusty. You can vacuum it using the soft brush attachment on your vacuum cleaner. Vacuum the side that the dirt is collected on so you don't push dirt deeper into the filter.

Fix Drips and Leaks – When the hot-side faucet drips, then cold water is entering the hot water heater tank at same rate water is dripping out of faucet. Fixing leaks can save energy used by your hot water heater.

Additional Energy Efficiency Actions for Greater Natural Gas Savings

Insulation – Add or increase roof, wall or pipe insulation. Often easy and inexpensive to install, yielding huge energy and comfort savings over the lifetime of the product.

Energy Efficient Equipment – Replace your furnace or boiler with energy efficient heating equipment. In addition to saving energy, you may be able to down-size the equipment, resulting in even greater savings

Steam Traps – Implement an effective steam trap maintenance program. This promotes efficient operation of end-use heat transfer equipment and reduces live steam in the condensate system.

Programmable Thermostats – Install programmable thermostats which can help reduce heating and cooling costs in your business.

We have named just a few ways you can reduce energy costs for your business. Contact National Grid for details about energy efficiency rebates available for Brooklyn businesses. We can help you pay for the energy efficient equipment that will lead to greater natural gas savings.

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