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# Money saving energy tips for your business

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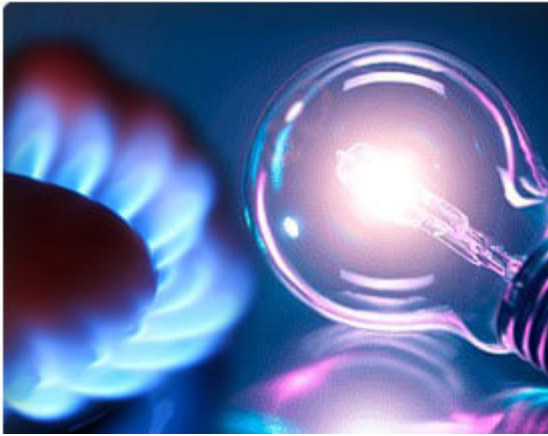
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## Looking for ways to save energy and Money in your business?

Read our guide for ways in which you can look to reduce your bills.

### Turn off your computers/laptop.
At the end of your working day ensure you always turn your computer off. On working 260 days per year that means a computer using 300 watts per hour left on 24/7 where the rate is £0.36 per Kwh, your business will be paying £674 per year for 1 employee. That's before considering other related items like monitors that are separate, printers and scanners.

### Look to replace incandescent light bulbs with energy efficient CFLs or LED bulbs.
They last longer and cost 75% less to operate.

### Use as much natural light in your work place as possible.
Lighting consumes a lot of energy which rakes up your energy usage and bills.

### Opting for an On and Off peak energy plan?
Consider planning excessive usage during the lower off peak times.

### Look to install dimmer switches or lighting sensors.
These can automatically turn off lighting when an area is not in use. Consider installing these in corridors and stairwells or even meeting rooms so you never forget to turn a light switch off again.

### Invest in a programmable thermostat.
This means it will only kick in to work either at a set time or when it reaches a certain temperature. Guidelines also suggest a minimum of 16 degrees Celsius for none physical work and a maximum of 27 degrees Celsius so you can always ensure you have a comfortable work force whilst protecting your energy usage.

### Look out for drafts.
It's obvious, but feeling a draft will make you feel chilled prompting for you to turn the heating on or up. Get any drafts looked into as you are letting your energy escape through them making your building less energy efficient.

### Consider installing solar panels.
Although in the interim they are a significant outset cost you will find once running at their full capability within a few years they will have paid for themselves.



### Look for energy star appliances.
These are far more energy efficient. Anything from the office microwave to the office printer, these will help save your energy usage and in turn, money.

### Provide regular meter readings.
The benefit of doing this keeps your account more accurate. Suppliers tend to estimate your usage which sometimes causes you to over pay what your actually usage is or even sometime under estimate your usage in which case you might get a nasty surprise bill for underpaying.

### Consider allowing your employees to work from home one day a week.
There are multiple benefits to this. It saves on the daily commute where we fuel our vehicles, creating more and more of a demand for fuel in a climate where fuel prices are at some of their all-time highest. It allows staff to be more efficient with their day. Staff won't need to wake up as early to get through traffic making them more rested and switched on for their working day. With VPN technology, employees can connect to the office safely and securely. With less staff in the office there won't be a requirement for as much lighting and cooling, and just think, the kettle won't be boiled as frequently!

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