

Climate Control for Small Businesses

- Heating and cooling accounts for one of the highest energy costs you face in keeping your business running, but it is also one of the greatest opportunities you have to save money. Proper weatherization, thermostat settings, and equipment maintenance and upgrades can yield big energy savings in a short time.
- Check for cracks or holes around your walls, ceilings, doors, windows, electrical outlets, and light and plumbing fixtures that can leak air into or out of your business. Caulk, seal or weatherstrip them where appropriate.
- Set your thermostat as low as comfortably possible in the winter and as high as comfortably possible in the summer. The smaller the difference between the air temperature inside your building and outside, the lower your heating and cooling costs will be.
- Use a programmable thermostat to automatically turn on the heating and air-conditioning according to a schedule that matches your hours of business. By turning back your thermostat 10% to 15% for 8 hours when no one is there, you can save up to 10% per year on your heating and cooling bills.



- Clean or replace filters on furnaces or air conditioners once a month or as needed.



- Choose energy-efficient products when you buy new heating and cooling equipment. Look for Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) ratings and the Seasonal Energy Efficiency Rating (SEER), or just look for products with an ENERGY STAR label.

