

Reduce heating and cooling costs

There are quick, easy and cost effective ways to reduce your heating, cooling, lighting and office energy usage.

Heating and air-conditioning savings can be significant with simple adjustments. For example, set thermostats to 24 degrees when cooling and 20 degrees when heating. Use fans when possible and keep systems well maintained.

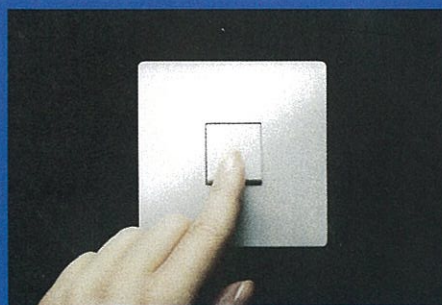
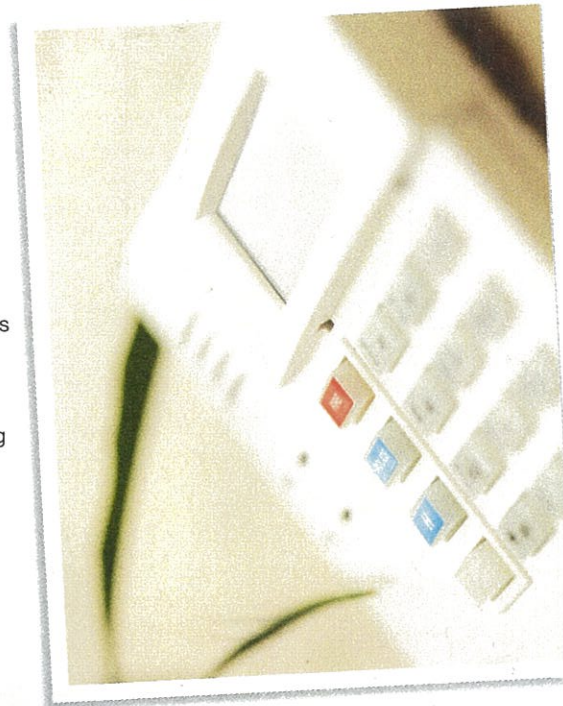
In addition, insulate by installing window tinting and high star rating inverter style air-conditioning units.

Lighting accounts for a significant portion of energy costs in TCF businesses and is one of the easiest areas in which you can save energy and money. Tips include installing sensors in low usage areas, painting walls and ceilings in light colours and replacing all old-style incandescent lighting.

Office equipment should be switched off at the wall when not in use or put on energy saving mode. When upgrading, choose five-star rated equipment.

Small businesses can register for free online training webinars as well as 1-2 hours of free mentoring. 'Ask the Expert' forums on how to reduce energy usage and gain information about energy grants are available in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth.

To find out more about the Energy Efficiency business advisory services offered, or to register for services as part of this project, please visit www.tcfaustralia.com/greenenergy or email greenenergy@tcfaustralia.com



The many benefits of saving energy in your business

Saving energy is actually one of the simplest and most impactful ways businesses can reduce costs and improve their bottom line.

DuPont, one of the largest companies in the world, summed up the commercial benefits by stating: "40%+ of energy efficiency improvements are achieved through low or no-cost projects ... saving billions of dollars."

GreenBizCheck's online environmental program helps companies to quickly implement sustainable environmental practices. Companies are provided with a 260+ point online assessment with immediate reporting and action planning. The assessment focuses on energy conservation and also covers water consumption reduction, waste reduction and recycling, transportation and travel, procurement and supply chain sustainability, general environmental issues and voluntary carbon measurement and offsetting.

GreenBizCheck's top five energy saving tips are:

1. Turn off all PCs, computer screens, printers, photocopiers, scanners, etc. at the wall when the office is closed (standby power can contribute to 10% plus of your energy bill)
2. Set the air-con to a minimum of 24 degrees on warm days and maximum of 20 degrees on cool days and keep windows and doors closed in air conditioned spaces
3. Upgrade to energy efficient lighting
4. Turn off all appliances at the wall when not in use
5. Monitor your power consumption and find out what your biggest consumers are and then assess how to improve usage.

If you would like more ideas on how your business can improve energy usage and maximise the benefits, contact TCF Energy Efficiency Project on 9479 3777, participate in monthly free energy efficiency webinars hosted by GreenBizCheck or apply for free energy mentoring to greenenergy@tcfaustralia.com or register directly at www.tcfaustralia.com/tcfenergyform