

{ FIVE WAYS TO REDUCE YOUR ENERGY BILLS }

CUB UK gives SMEs advice on how to reduce energy bills



Whether you are a small business or a large organisation, there are a number of factors that impact on your budget - employee benefits, office rentals, IT and energy, to name a few. Many of these factors are statutory costs, but for some, savings can be made.

On a day-to-day basis, there are a number of operational ways to reduce energy bills. Do you turn your lights off after working hours? Is your heater on a constant heat or is the air conditioner always on during the summer?

CUB UK is an energy consultant for SME businesses that consume less than £24,000 annually and I&C businesses that consume over £24,000 (300,000 kWh) on gas and electricity per annum. Vicky Ellis, Business Support Manager at CUB UK has highlighted the best ways to promote energy conservation at your work place.



1 Replace. Changing existing bulbs with CFL bulbs will save 75% more energy than standard light bulbs, which means they run for a longer period. CFL bulbs now come in a range of styles and sizes, so there is no excuse for not installing these throughout your premises. Also, use spot light-emitting diodes (LEDs) for display lighting. They work just as well as halogen lighting but use less energy.

2 Hibernate. It is common for employees to leave computers and laptops on at the end of a working day so they can continue with their existing work the following day. Ask all employees to schedule devices to hibernate mode after working hours and during weekends.

3 Switch Off. Did you know the kettle is one of the most energy-hungry items in the office? Asking employees to turn off devices in the kitchen and to switch off lights when leaving a room can be a difficult task in a large business. The best way to get around this is to use clear signage on switches, to remind employees about saving energy.

4 Get Involved. Saving energy is not just the responsibility of the business owner. Offer employee incentives for creating innovative ideas to save energy and implementing them. If your energy bills are reduced, perhaps the savings can be used for team gifts or outings.

5 Recycle. Landfill tax is on the increase, so recycling wherever possible is important. Invest in different coloured bins throughout your premises for employees to recycle. Also try only to print when necessary. Reducing your paper wastage will also cut the amount of energy required to run the printer.

CUB UK understand that a number of these operational considerations can be difficult to achieve when working in a large organisation or a small business with a large number of temporary staff. They offer a tailored energy consultancy service that will save you time, hassle and find you the very best, competitive price for your business, helping with every aspect of energy management.

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