



ENERGY-SAVING TIPS FOR RESTAURANTS

There are many no- and low-cost steps you can take to reduce your energy consumption and control costs. Some upgrades are eligible for cash incentives from Energy Trust of Oregon.

Lighting

- Upgrade your lighting with new energy-efficient bulbs and fixtures to save energy and improve lighting quality.
- Use daylight dimmers to dim room lights and take advantage of natural light when available.
- Use lighting controls to manage exterior lights and turn them on and off during daylight hours. Install occupancy sensors in lightly used areas—closets, storage rooms, restrooms to keep lights on only when you need them.
- Upgrade exit signs and other signage with LED lighting for additional energy savings.

Refrigeration and Equipment

- Look for the ENERGY STAR® certified label when purchasing kitchen appliances, such as gas convection ovens, griddles, hot food cabinets, high-efficiency gas fryers, steam cookers, dishwashers, ice machines and more.
- Explore the use of an energy-efficient walk-in cooler or freezer to save energy in this heavily used kitchen area.
- Invest in a kitchen exhaust hood with heat recovery to capture energy for use elsewhere in the space.
- Install demand-control kitchen ventilation sensors to adjust exhaust fan speed to match your ventilation needs.

- Conserve water use and save energy to heat water with faucet aerators in the kitchen and bathrooms.
- Keep appliances in good working order and repair leaks or faulty doors as they happen. Every day wear and tear can add up to waste energy every month and drive up your energy bills.
- Check thermostats regularly to make sure temperature and control systems are functioning at peak performance.
- Turn equipment off when not in use to save energy and money.

Heating and Cooling Systems

- Change or clean HVAC filters regularly. Dirty filters overwork equipment, using more energy, and result in lower indoor air quality.
- Install programmable thermostats to automatically reduce heating and air conditioning during closed hours.
- Keep exterior doors closed during operating hours to avoid wasting hot or cool air.



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