

REDUCING ENERGY USE IN BUSINESS

Energy is a precious resource. We're encouraging our business customers to think about reducing their energy use with these simple tips. We have also included some opportunities to improve future energy use which can be implemented during shutdowns.

TOP TIPS

Check your automated time schedules

Many buildings have building controls that automatically turn heating or cooling on at the same time everyday.

Review these settings and ensure they match the current, reduced requirements.

Survey office equipment

Large amounts of office equipment are typically left in standby mode or may automatically power on at a prescribed time.

Check to see that no equipment, such as desktop monitors or display screens in communal areas, is unnecessarily consuming electricity.

Find an energy efficient workspace

Employees who are unable to work from home may find that they are working in a large and empty office. Heating and lighting a large space for a small number of people is very inefficient.

If possible, while respecting social distancing guidelines, employees should use a more suitably sized and energy efficient workspace such as a smaller room or a section of your office by the window to maximise the use of natural light.

OPPORTUNITIES

Heating Maintenance

Consider scheduling maintenance for your heating or air conditioning system while many staff are still working from home.

Heating typically accounts for 40% of total energy use in non-domestic buildings, so it is important to ensure that it operates as efficiently as possible.

Energy Monitoring

Installation of metering equipment will provide a clear picture of the energy performance within your business.

Connecting energy metering to a smart monitoring centre like Veolia's Hubgrade, allows for effective energy management without the need for an ongoing presence on site.

This can be used to better understand your energy performance, identify saving opportunities and predict future energy costs.

