



Save Energy at School

New York City is conserving energy in order to clean the air we breath, save money on energy bills, and help fight global climate change. Mayor Bloomberg has set an ambitious goal to reduce government energy consumption 30% by 2017. You can help the City meet this target by paying attention to your energy use at school and at home and only using what you really need!

Turn it down

1. Thermostats should be set to 68 F degrees during cold weather months. On very cold days, the City Health Code allows a maximum daytime temperature of 72 F degrees at schools and day care centers.
2. Do not use supplementary heating equipment such as electric or kerosene space heaters; these are safety hazards and are absolutely prohibited.
3. Keep the radiators and heating vents in your classroom free from obstruction. Keep books and other supplies or materials off radiators, and do not place furniture or other objects in front of heating vents.
4. Open blinds, shades, and drapes during daylight hours to take advantage of the natural heat provided by the sun. Shut the blinds or shades at the end of the day to retain the room's warmth at night.
5. Arrange desks, chairs, and work stations away from windows and outside walls to avoid drafts.
6. Check that window air conditioners are properly sealed, and speak to your school's custodian if they seem to be leaking cold air.

Turn it off

7. Only use lights when you need them. Turn off the lights when you leave a room.
8. Elect a light monitor in your classroom that is responsible for turning off the lights at the end of the day and anytime the classroom is empty.
9. Take advantage of the natural light provided by the sun by opening the blinds or shades in your classroom during the school day. Don't forget to close them at the end of the day to retain the room's warmth overnight.
10. Shut down computers and other electronic equipment at the end of the day. When your computer is not in use, turn off the monitor.

Do your part to conserve energy at school and at home!
Saving energy is easy, it saves money, and it improves the environment.

If you are interested in learning about how New York City is working to reduce energy consumption Citywide, please visit <http://nyc.gov/energy-conservation> or contact the DCAS Division of Energy Management at (212) 669-2568.

