

Five ways to cut commercial energy use this winter

- 1. Check your heating system:** Get your business' heating system checked over to make sure it's operating at the optimum level. Proper servicing and maintenance will ensure everything's working as efficiently as it should, but it will also help negate any expensive emergency repair bills.
- 2. Plug any gaps:** Make small upgrades to windows and doors, to keep wastage to a minimum. From repairing leaking window frames or fitting door closers, right through to installing double-glazing or more wall insulation. For a small commercial premise, the savings mean draught-proofing usually pays for itself within five years*.
- 3. Invest in smarter technology:** As well as monitoring key energy outputs – be it heating, lighting or water – an integrated system will alert users of any potential issues and provide better control of where and when your business uses its energy. You'll also have the added benefit of being able to manage your usage from one central control point.
- 4. Take control of your controls:** A small change in a buildings temperature might not seem like much, but when you apply it on a commercial scale the savings can really add up. In fact, in buildings with well-controlled systems, heating fuel consumption is up to 30% lower*.
- 5. Engage your staff:** Sometimes, basic behavioural change is all it takes to make a significant saving. Make sure computers are switched off outside of office hours, or put your lights on a timer. You can even sign up to schemes that reward employees for greener behaviour.

*Energy Saving Trust

