

## SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS

## RETAIL STORES

# Boost your bottom line and improve the shopper experience

Retail stores often generate excessive energy waste. Cut costs, improve the shopping experience and save with these simple tips.

## Savings Opportunities: Peak Demand Management

Take steps now to boost energy savings and manage demand in your retail store. Consider regulating energy use based on customer traffic and store hours.

#### Lighting

- Turn off all lights in unoccupied spaces of the store
- Take advantage of natural light to reduce the need for overhead lights

## Plug Loads

- Turn off registers, computers and TV monitors overnight
- Use smart power strips to turn off copy machines and printers when not used for extended periods

## Long-Term Strategies

- Use a smart thermostat to align temperature set points with foot traffic
- Pre-cool your retail space before the peak hours of 3-8 p.m.

## Did you know...

\$1 of energy savings is equivalent to \$33 in increased sales.\*

## Manage Your Account 24/7

#### At aps.com you can:

- Monitor your daily demand and energy usage
- View monthly and annual comparisons
- Sign up for usage and outage alerts
- · Make payments
- Go paperless





Ready to lower energy costs and reduce your environmental impact? Check out more quick tips below to improve energy efficiency in each area of your retail store:



#### **HVAC**

- Install a smart thermostat for optimal savings and greater convenience.
- Achieve energy savings and avoid frequent breakdowns:
  - Inspect and replace air filters regularly.
  - Schedule seasonal tune-ups to check refrigerant levels, clean internal components and tighten loose connections.
  - Verify economizer operation (if applicable).
- Replace older air conditioning units with energy efficient models and save 30% or more.
- Implement rooftop economizers to pull in cool outside air, saving up to 10% on cooling costs.
- Install shade screens or window film to reduce solar heat gain.



## Lighting

- Purchase indoor lighting with an 80+ CRI color-quality rating.
- Replace fluorescent lamps with LEDs and save 30% or more. Brighter LEDs encourage shoppers to handle and examine more merchandise.
- Add skylights to introduce natural light into your store. This can save energy and increase retail sales by 40%.\*\*
- Install occupancy sensors in light customer foot-traffic areas such as fitting rooms and storage areas.
- Clean lighting fixtures regularly.



## Plug Loads

- Buy ENERGY STAR® certified computers, TV monitors and display lighting.
- Centralize multifunction devices like printers and copiers.
- Put timers on display lighting and TV monitors to save energy after store hours.
- Enable computers' low-power "sleep mode" and save up to \$50 per computer each year.
- Turn off display lighting, demagnetizers, registers, computers and TV monitors overnight.
- Limit use of personal appliances such as fans, space heaters, stereos, mini-refrigerators and coffee makers.

## A Case Study in Retail Store Efficiency

A Phoenix-area car dealership implemented lighting upgrades to drive energy and cost savings. This project involved upgrading traditional metal halide lighting with energy-efficient LED fixtures, replacing exit signs with energy-saving LED versions and installing occupancy sensors. In addition, they conducted a delamping process to remove unnecessary bulbs/fixtures in areas where lighting was too strong or not necessary. The energy efficiency updates were a success, providing the dealership with both financial and non-financial benefits.

#### Financial Benefits

- More than \$8,700 saved each year in electricity costs
- · Decreased maintenance costs

#### Non-Energy Benefits

- Increased car sales
- Safer work environment
- Reduced environmental footprint



## Start saving today.

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