

Savings that could halve your energy costs



Energy Saver

The cost of energy and the efficiency of its use have become major factors influencing business decision-making. As energy prices continue at all-time highs, energy efficiency is not only an important cost-reduction measure, but an important strategic tool to unlock business productivity and drive competitive advantage.

Energy Saver is a NSW Government initiative to provide practical support to businesses to increase energy efficiency, enhance competitiveness and drive down operating costs.

The Energy Saver Program is delivering power bill savings of \$13 million per year to medium to large size businesses across NSW.

The Program is a simple and effective way to increase energy efficiency through improvements in a business' facilities such as commercial refrigeration, heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

The Energy Saver Program is working to increase savings for a wide range of businesses, such as bakeries, manufacturers, heritage buildings and commercial premises.



How can my business benefit?

The Energy Saver team helps business owners target, prioritise and implement the best energy efficiency opportunities available.

Eligible businesses can receive subsidised, specialised advice and project support from approved energy efficiency specialists.

Whether it's identifying and prioritising an energy efficiency opportunity, implementing a project, or looking at accessing project financing, the Energy Saver team can help by providing:

- a 50 per cent subsidised energy efficiency investigation from an approved Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) energy auditor to identify energy efficiency opportunities
- a detailed financial business case to support projects, tailored to your business
- free guidance on how to access Energy Savings Scheme incentives*
- technical support to help you implement identified energy saving opportunities
- energy efficient training courses.

How much will my business save?

Specialists working with Energy Saver businesses have on average identified electricity and cost savings of 23 per cent.

*The NSW Energy Saving Scheme provides financial incentives for businesses to implement energy saving projects. See www.ess.nsw.gov.au for more information.

How much will it cost?

Participation costs vary depending on the type of support your business uses.

- There is a \$500 application fee for eligible businesses undertaking an energy efficiency investigation.
- OEH provides a 50 per cent subsidy for the investigation with your portion of the investigation cost invoiced at project completion.
- Technical support is subsidised by 50 per cent, with the OEH contribution capped at \$4,000.
- A range of energy efficiency training courses are available at a cost of \$100 per participant, or \$50 per participant in regional areas.

Businesses that wish to partner with Energy Saver for measurement and verification support, or assistance with accessing the Energy Savings Scheme are provided this service at no cost. The application fee is also waived for this assistance.

Is my business eligible?

Energy Saver is best suited to organisations that spend more than \$60,000 a year on electricity.

Sites subject to the following are not eligible for Energy Saver:

- Australian Government's Energy Efficiency Opportunities Program (EEO)
- Waste and Sustainability Improvement Payment (WaSIP) Program.

How else can my business benefit?

There are two additional ways your business can benefit from Energy Saver.

1. The Technical Investigation report will tell you how many Energy Savings Certificates your improvement projects can generate under the NSW Energy Savings Scheme.

Trading the certificates could help you reduce the cost of your energy efficiency improvements. For more information visit ess.nsw.gov.au

2. Energy Saver investigations can include a NABERS assessment if it is appropriate. This means you would only need to collate one set of data, which will save time and resources. For more information visit nabers.com.au

How have others benefited from Energy Saver?

Many businesses are realising the benefits of being energy-wise.

Tamburlaine Organic Wines

Tamburlaine Organic Wines in the Hunter Valley found ways to cut electricity use by 55 per cent (about 700 megawatt hours each year) thanks to their Energy Saver technical investigation.

Refrigeration accounted for 75 per cent of the winery's energy use. Refrigeration is often the biggest energy user for businesses in the food and beverage industry, from abattoirs to bakeries and cold stores to food manufacturers.

The Energy Saver technical investigation found ways for Tamburlaine to achieve a return on investment in less than two years, save more than \$110,000 a year and cut carbon pollution by 740 tonnes.

SULO Australia

SULO Australia, which manufactures mobile refuse bins and operates one of the largest plastic injection moulding plants in Australia. SULO has reduced its annual electricity costs by 15 per cent or \$142,000 across its entire plant.

The energy-saving opportunities identified through the Energy Saver program included additions to plant machinery, lighting upgrades, power factor correction and variable speed drives for pumps and other equipment.

Crafty Chef

Crafty Chef of Western Sydney, which manufactures health and convenience foods, signed up for the program, upgraded their refrigeration system and reduced their annual power consumption saving \$65,000 per annum on power bills.

Your next step

To find out how your business can join Energy Saver contact the team:

Email energysaver@environment.nsw.gov.au

Call 1300 361 967

Visit www.environment.nsw.gov.au/sustainbus/energysaver

Energy Saver is part of the NSW Government's commitment to provide energy efficiency programs that help NSW households, government and businesses save energy and reduce carbon pollution.