

# ENERGY-SAVING TIPS FOR LODGING AND HOSPITALITY

There are many no- and low-cost steps you can take to reduce your energy consumption and control costs. Some upgrades are eligible for cash incentives from Energy Trust of Oregon.

## **Lighting and Controls**

- Upgrade lighting in rooms and common areas with new energy-efficient bulbs and fixtures to save energy and improve lighting quality.
- Use lighting controls to manage exterior lights and turn them on and off during daylight hours.
- Install timers on bathroom heat lamps, and connect bathroom exhaust fans to light switches to reduce energy waste.
- Install guest room occupancy sensors to turn off room equipment when room is unoccupied.

# **Heating and Cooling Systems**

- Tune up HVAC equipment annually to improve efficiency and comfort in guest rooms.
- Seal cracks around windows, doors and window-type HVAC units, and weather-strip doors and operable windows, to reduce the loss of heated or cooled air.

### Guest Bathrooms

- Install low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators to conserve water and reduce the flow of heated water.
- Repair leaks in showers and faucets to reduce loss of heated water.

## Housekeeping and Amenities

- Clean and tidy rooms using natural light, and turn off guest room lights and electronics when rooms are unoccupied.
- Invest in commercial laundry washers to save water and energy.
- Invest in energy-efficient foodservice equipment including gas convection ovens, electric steamers, freezers, refrigerators, vent hoods, and ice machines to reduce energy costs.

### **Workplace Behaviors**

- Educate your employees about how workplace habits and behaviors affect energy use.
- Appoint and empower an employee or team of employees to lead sustainability efforts.



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