



safety focus

Energy Conservation

The recent low water in the Northwest and resulting energy concerns have employees asking, “What can we do?” The following is a list of practical energy-conservation ideas:

- Turn off unnecessary or excessive lighting in buildings and work areas, and allow windows to provide light when possible. Often times, offices have more lights than are necessary, and turning on only a portion of the lighting provides adequate lighting. Facilities Management may be able to modify fixtures in areas that are not independently controlled.
- Adjust computers and monitors to sleep during periods of inactivity, and turn them off completely when long periods are expected, such as over nights and weekends. Contact ITG for how to do this.
- Keep doors and windows shut to ensure heating and air conditioning efficiency. Problems with airflow and temperature should be solved through heating and ventilation systems adjustments (Managers should notify Facilities Management of these needs at 4-8054).
- Make sure office lights and unnecessary equipment are turned off over nights and weekends. Assign this task to the last person out in the evening or to housekeepers.
- Turn off switched corridor lights when entire areas are vacant.

