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# Greening Your Office

...one tip at a time!

We care about the environment and we know you do too. Your office is a great place to make little changes that make a big difference. Here are some ideas to help you do just that. Provided monthly by R.E.A.P.S., we hope they inspire you to create change!

## GREEN TIP #59:

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# Power Hungry? Get an Energy Audit

Why get an energy audit? As a business, it can be beneficial to make your facility more energy efficient and lower the cost of monthly energy bills. Its purpose is to analyze the energy flows in a building. The auditor looks for ways to reduce the amount of energy input in your building without negatively affecting the output. They also prioritize energy uses according to the greatest to least cost effective opportunities to save energy.

What is involved? The energy auditor needs your building's energy bills for a minimum of 1 year. This current data about energy dynamics is used to establish a baseline of current energy costs. The auditor then conducts a room-by-room inspection, where any energy-consuming items, like electronics, are examined and energy-wasting areas are identified. After the inspection is complete, current energy usage and proposed energy savings are addressed.

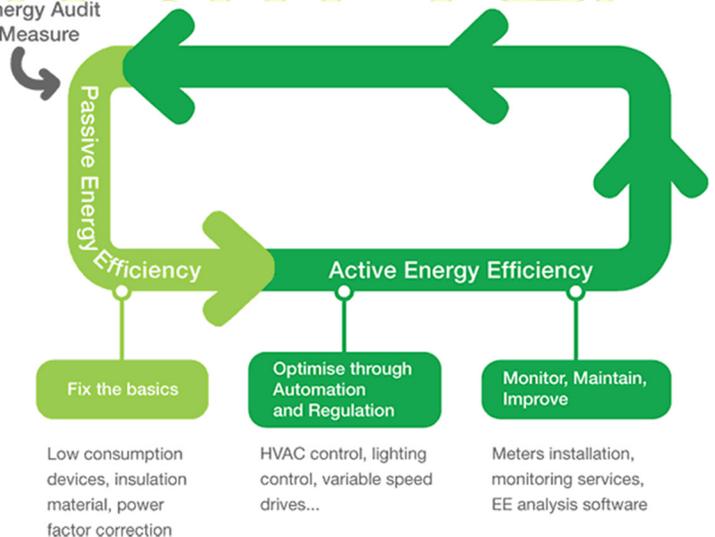
Commercial energy audits are becoming more and more popular as business owners try and reduce costs and increase energy efficiency. Commercial energy auditors are knowledgeable in determining how long machinery and infrastructure upgrades take to pay off and when their investment in energy efficiency will start to pay dividends.

How do you find and select an energy auditor? The company that deals with the building's energy or gas utility may conduct energy assessments or recommend local auditors. Check your telephone directory under the heading "energy" for company listings. You can also see the Energy Management Services Directory provided by the Federal Government to find energy auditing services in your area.

Look forward to skinny electricity bills and fat tax breaks!



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