

Energy Conservation

Dartmouth has long been a leader in implementing policies and programs to control our use of energy. We do this not only to protect our environment by conserving the use of natural resources and limiting the production of emissions, but also so that we can allocate as much of our financial resources as possible to activities that are at the core of our institutional mission.

This year, fuel oil prices have increased by approximately 21%. As a result, we need to give some extra effort to continuing and enhancing our efforts to reduce our energy usage. Although the weather can be a primary influence on energy costs, there are steps we all can take to help reduce costs.

HEATING: Dress so that you can keep your space at 68 degrees in the winter, in accordance with the College's policy. Exceptions will be in laboratories, experimental areas, museums, and other spaces where there is a demonstrated requirement for maintenance of higher or more consistent temperatures. (Note: Electric heaters to supplement central heating are allowed only with the authorization of FO&M. These devices can be dangerously misused and will be allowed only in controlled circumstances.)

WINDOWS: If you open a window to get some fresh air or because it is a nice day outside, close the window when you leave the space.

COMPUTERS: Turn computers off when not in use for an extended period of time; turn your monitor off when you leave your space (screen savers provide zero reduction in energy use of a monitor).

LIGHTING: Reduce space lighting by using desk lamps instead of ceiling lights where possible; turn off all lights when leaving the room; blitz "Dartmouth Conserves" if you notice areas where there is excessive lighting.

APPLIANCES AND COMPUTER PERIPHERALS: Departments should work with Procurement Services to purchase Energy Star appliances. Turn coffee makers, printers, and copiers off when leaving at night and for the weekend.

Your attention and cooperation will allow the College to minimize heating and utility costs.