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## No and Low Cost Energy Saving Recommendations

### No Cost:

- Set thermostats no lower than 78°F/26°C when space is in use. Set thermostats no lower than 85°F/30°C when space is not in use. Please note that thermostats that control areas that contain computer servers should be left at a constant temperature.
- Incandescent bulbs should be turned off whenever they are not needed no matter how short the time.
- CFL's and Fluorescent tubes with rapid or program start ballasts should be turned off when they are not needed for 15 minutes or more.
- Fluorescent lamps with instant start ballasts should only be turned off at the end of the work day.
- Do not replace T8 tubes with T12 tubes. Use only T8 tubes in fixtures that were designed for T8 tubes.
- When cleaning exterior areas such as stairs and porches, use a broom instead of wasting water washing down the area.
- When renewing vending machine contracts specify Energy Star Vending machines.

### Low Cost:

- Install Energy Star rated programmable thermostats to control A/C systems where possible. Set to 78°F/26°C for working hours and 85°F/30°C for non-working hours.
- Install occupancy sensors to control lights and vent fans in restrooms and to control lights in infrequently used spaces. In spaces where there is sufficient natural light at times, use occupancy sensors that have an ambient light override feature.
- Use photo eyes/motion sensors to control exterior lights.
- Repair/replace any existing sensors on external lights if they are found to be staying on during the day.
- Repair any leaking faucets, toilets and urinals.
- When replacing incandescent bulbs, use Energy Star rated CFLs or CCFL's whenever possible.
- When replacing standard base light fixtures, use Energy Star rated light fixtures whenever possible
- Consider installing window tint film with a low Solar Heat Gain rating on East, South or West facing single-pane windows or glass doors.