

# Top Five Ways to Increase Energy Efficiency in Commercial Buildings

- **Curtail over ventilation** – The number one culprit in the fight against energy waste.

- **Adjust lighting schedule** – Does your lighting schedule match your tenant schedule? Matching the two more closely allows you to get the most out of the energy usage when you need it.



- **Eliminate competing HVAC systems** – As crazy as it sounds, many buildings run heating and cooling systems simultaneously. What's even richer is that mechanical service providers often aren't aware that this is happening. Stop your building from fighting with itself and reap the benefits in your utility bills.

- **Re-evaluate HVAC when space configuration changes** – Have you downsized your staff? Put up a wall or other internal partition in a large office area? If there are unoccupied areas of your property or changes in your space configurations, most likely your HVAC systems aren't up to par for the changes made. Re-assess the space's needs by evaluating control points and air distribution locations.

- **Take weekends off** – Unless your office or commercial building is in full swing seven days a week, make sure you're not running air conditioning when there's no one there to benefit from it.

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