

Your business can **SAVE MONEY** by:

Saving on energy bills...

The Climate Change Levy is a tax charged per unit of gas or electricity used which typically adds 10% to energy bills. You can reduce the amount of Climate Change Levy you pay by:

1. Reducing your energy consumption

- Reducing the temperature of your heating thermostat by just 1°C could reduce your heating bill by 8%. Check your thermostat is correctly set to 19°C. If necessary fit a tamper proof thermostat protector.
- Hot water needs to be heated to 60°C to prevent legionnaires disease. Check you are not wasting money by heating it to a higher temperature.
- Replacing 10 standard light-bulbs with low energy bulbs will save over £65 per year on lighting costs.

Simple, low cost improvements in energy efficiency could reduce your business' fuel bills by as much as 20%
Carbon Trust

2. Switching to a green energy tariff

The Climate Change Levy is not charged on renewable energy. Switching is simple and easy; visit www.greenelectricity.org for more information. For more advice on how to reduce your energy use and fuel bills visit www.businesslink.gov.uk

Interest-free loans of £3,000 - £100,000 are available from the Carbon Trust for the purchase of energy-efficient equipment. The money you save on your energy bills can be used to pay back the loan over up to four years. For more information visit www.carbontrust.co.uk

You can claim **tax relief** on purchases of energy efficient products, such as lighting controls, a new boiler, pipe-work insulation or refrigeration display cabinets, through the Enhanced Capital Allowance (ECA) Scheme. Your business can write off the whole cost of investment against taxable profits in the year the purchase is made. For further information visit www.eca.gov.uk/etl

Saving on water bills...

Businesses pay for water twice; once when it is supplied and again for disposal. Reducing the amount of water your business uses will save money on your water bill and, if you reduce the amount of hot water used, your energy bill too.

Simple, cost effective ways to reduce water use include:

- 1. Placing a Save-a-Flush or Hippo device in toilet cisterns.** This saves up to 2.5 litres of water per flush, adding up to thousands of litres over a year. Free water displacement devices can be ordered from www.thameswater.co.uk
- 2. Installing passive infrared (PRI) flush control on urinals** so that they flush only when used. PRI is inexpensive to install and pays for itself through reduced water bills within 4-6 months.
- 3. Fitting automatic shut-off taps** to prevent them from being left running. This can reduce the amount of water used by 20% and typically pays back within 12 months.

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For information on how your business could reduce its water use by 1000's of litres a year visit www.businesslink.gov.uk

Water costs can be reduced by around 30% through inexpensive water minimisation measures.
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Saving on waste bills...

Landfill space is running out. To discourage its use landfill tax will increase by £8 per tonne annually until 2013. This means the cost of waste disposal will continue to rise. You can reduce the amount your business pays to have waste collected by:

- 1. Minimising the amount of waste you produce** – reducing waste saves money on both purchasing and disposal costs. A guide to business waste minimisation can be found at www.haringey.gov.uk/greenbusiness
- 2. Maximising the amount of material you recycle** – recycling collections are often cheaper than waste collections. Your current waste collector may be able to provide a recycling service. Alternatively for information on commercial recycling providers in Haringey visit www.haringey.gov.uk/greenbusiness

Simple actions to reduce waste disposal costs and raw material usage, can save businesses 4-5% of their annual turnover
North London Waste Authority

If you would like more information on how to green your business please visit www.haringey.gov.uk/greenbusiness or contact the Environmental Resources team at Haringey Council by emailing environmental.resources@haringey.gov.uk or calling 020 8489 3528.