

5 THINGS IN 5 MINUTES

REDUCE OFFICE ELECTRICITY USE

Small Actions Make a Big Difference

1 Disable Screen Savers Start->Control Panel->Power options

To reduce the power when your computer is sleeping, change the setting to "no screen saver" and set it to sleep in a reduced period of time, (Your computer won't take any longer to come back to working speed).

2 Turn off Your Computer Monitor

If you are leaving your computer and don't want to close folders and shut down, turn off your monitor (most monitors shut off separately from the computer). A typical PC computer uses 55 watts of power, whereas a monitor requires 75 watts.

3 Switch it off (nights & weekends)

When you leave for the day, shut your computer and monitor off. If your computer, printer and any other accessories are plugged into a power strip, simply switch it off for the day.

4 Bust *Ghost Power*

Use the light test: When you leave your office, look around for little blue, yellow, red and green lights on the electronic devices, chargers, or small appliances- a light reveals a power draw.



5 Make it Easy to Remember

A power strip with a switch can make it easy to switch off your computer, printer and other devices when you leave for extended periods. A small note or prompt next to the office light, switch or door can remind you to flip the power strip switch before you leave.

Each of these reduce the standing load (power drain) from computers and are approved by ATUS/ADMCS.
For more ways to reduce office energy, visit: www.wvu.edu/sustain/10x12



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