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Powering office space Save on your three biggest electricity users

The three biggest electricity users in most office settings are lighting, cooling and computers, in that order, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

The folks at ENERGY STAR® suggest that in addition to using the most energyefficient fixtures (think LED), you can use lighting controls or sensors to reduce your electricity use.

Lighting options include:

- Bi-level switching: Control your lights in groups. For example, be able to turn off half the lights in the room when full lighting isn't necessary.
- Use occupancy sensors and daylight sensors: Choose to have lights come on automatically when someone enters the room. Use daylight sensors so exterior lights don't stay on during the day and to control the brightness of interior lights to compensate for daylight through windows.

Heating/cooling options:

- Don't forget that office equipment not only uses electricity, but produces heat that could drive up cooling costs.
- Use a programmable thermostat or a building energy management system.
 Also, make sure your heating and cooling equipment is serviced regularly for best performance and efficiency.
- Seal heating and cooling ducts.

Office equipment tips include:

- Buy ENERGY STAR-certified business equipment, but also look for the label on appliances you might use, like the break room refrigerator.
- Use power management features on your equipment like "sleep mode," where the unit uses reduced power during extended periods of inactivity.



For information on PPL's energy-efficiency rebates, visit **pplelectric.com/businessrebates.**

Ask Marilyn

Q: : I'm a small business owner with a lot of questions about my service and possible energy-efficiency rebates. Is there someone on your staff who knows the issues commonly encountered by entrepreneurs like me?

A: Absolutely, and I'm glad you asked. Small business owners often wear a lot of different hats and they're super busy. That's why we have a team dedicated to helping you. Just call 1-800-342-5775 and identify yourself as a small business owner. We'll take it from there and get you connected.





Girl Scouts take the lead from PPL volunteers

PPL employees recently volunteered to help dozens of Girl Scouts - from Brownies to Cadets - prepare for their roles in assisting with a major Girl Scouts fundraising event in late April.

The girls were slated to help with Take the Lead, the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania's signature fundraising event honoring the Lehigh Valley's most distinguished women whose leadership and professional achievements make the world a better place.

Employee volunteers helped the girls with lessons on social media and photography techniques and formal dining etiquette. The girls also practiced their roles as ushers, raffle rovers and color guard and chorus members.

PPL is a sponsor of the Take the Lead event, which raises funds to help support initiatives and other innovative program opportunities for more than 5,200 girls in the region.



A good read Our Stories blog keeps you informed

Yes, your electric utility has a blog and we want you to check it out.

Whether it's news about a big storm, tips on energy efficiency, stories about volunteerism or caring for the environment, you'll see a different side of PPL.

We love being part of the communities we serve. At stories.pplelectric.com, we bring that to life.

Price to compare adjustment on June 1

The small business price to compare - what non-shopping customers pay for their electric supply – will change June 1 and will be in effect through Nov. 30. The latest pricing information is always online at pplelectric.com/shopping.

By shopping for your electric supply, you could save. Check **PAPowerSwitch.com** for offers from state-approved suppliers. As always, make sure you understand all the terms of your supply contract, including whether the rate is fixed for a set period of time or can change over time. Also, make sure you know if cancellation fees apply.



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