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Energy-Efficient Offices

Phantom load: arresting the invisible thief

You might not know it, but there's an invisible thief wandering around your business every day and every night, stealing your energy and boosting your energy bills. His name: phantom load.

All electronic devices - including computers, printers, modems, photocopiers, fax machines, televisions, cell phone chargers, coffee makers and anything else with a clock, timer, adapter, memory or remote control - continue to draw power even when you're not using them. If you've got a lot of devices at your workplace, that can really add up.



Here are two easy but effective ways to reduce your phantom load:

- Turn off your computers, monitors, printers, copiers and other equipment when they're not in use - especially nights and weekends. (If you must leave your computers running overnight, okay, but remember to turn off everything else.)
- Ban screensavers (which do not, in fact, save energy) and instead enable the "power save" or "sleep" mode on your computers. Your computers and monitors will automatically power down and save energy when no one is working at them, but come back to full power with a touch on the keyboard or a click on the mouse.

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