

Save Energy Over Summer Break!

Dear Town of Wellesley Community:

Summer is finally upon us and soon you'll be enjoying your well-deserved time off. In preparation for the summer break, the Facilities Maintenance Department (FMD) would like to remind you to please help reduce energy use over the summer before you leave for vacation by following these seven simple steps:

1. Turn off ceiling lights, closet lights, and table-top lamps.
2. If you have air-conditioning, turn up the thermostats in your classroom/office to the highest possible setting.
3. Unplug computers, printers, and peripheral equipment to eliminate "ghost loads" (i.e., equipment loads that appear to be "off" but are, in fact, only in a "sleep mode").
4. Unplug non-essential classroom equipment (i.e., refrigerators, microwaves, coffee makers, etc.).
5. Keep vents, diffusers, and radiators free of obstruction so that we can clean, repair, and maintain them over the summer in preparation for your return next fall.
6. Close window shades to minimize solar heat gain (This is especially important for buildings that have air conditioning and operate year round).
7. Notify FMD if you're unable to complete the above steps for any reason.

Please remember that it's important to reduce energy use because by doing so we also reduce greenhouse gas emissions. By reducing greenhouse gas emissions, we contribute to promoting a sustainable future for ourselves, our families, and our community. It is for this reason that we have a moral and social obligation to reduce energy use and, therefore, greenhouse gas emissions here in Wellesley. So, please join us in doing our part to reduce energy use over the summer break.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and support. Please do not hesitate to contact me at ahibert@wellesley.ma.gov or 781-446-6210 ext. 4803 with any questions, comments, or additional ideas on reducing energy use.

Have a great summer!



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