# SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES

By turning the thermostat down 2° Winthrop can reduce its energy bill by 10 percent

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Turning screen savers off can save up to $100 a year per monitor

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Portable personal and heaters and fans can cost up to $25 a person per day

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Using energy-efficient light bulbs in your desk lamp can use up to 75 percent less energy and last 12 times longer than conventional incandescent light bulbs

## You can help Winthrop University be energy-efficient.

On average, there are approximately 7,400 people on our campus each weekday. Winthrop's annual utility bill is more than $3.2 million; this includes electricity, gas, oil, water, and sewer. If each person practices each of the conservation strategies listed below, the university could save $277,500 annually in energy costs, significantly reduce carbon emissions, and save 2,768 acres of forest.

**Turn off:**
- Lights if you are the last person leaving a room
- Overhead lights if your office or room has quality natural light; don't use more lights than you need
- Electronic equipment when not in use
- Room heating and air conditioning units
- Televisions and stereos when you leave your classroom, residence hall or office
- Computer monitors overnight and on weekends
- Screen savers
- Personal printers at night and on weekends

**Per Winthrop's I.T. department:**
- Keep your computer running 24 hours a day during the week to allow for required upgrades
- On weekends, turn your computer off
- Computers and monitors should be set to use energy management tools to minimize energy waste

Always unplug cell phone and other electronic device chargers when not in use.

Close all exterior doors and windows during heating and cooling seasons.

Discontinue use of portable personal heaters and fans and dress sensibly for seasons.

Move furniture away from heat source to allow heat to flow into the office space.

For task lights, replace incandescent light bulbs with more energy-efficient bulbs.