

CitizensEnergySavers

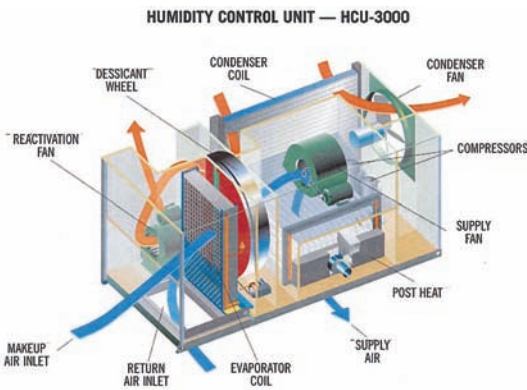
Working with You to Reduce Your Energy Costs

Now is the time to take advantage of the Citizens Energy Savers Program! Upgrade to a new, high efficiency boiler. By replacing old, worn out boilers you could start saving 10 to 20 percent on your natural gas costs. Citizens Energy Savers offers a rebate for up to 25 percent of the purchase price for new 90% AFUE boilers.

If your boiler is not ready to be replaced, Citizens Energy Savers offers a rebate of \$250 for commercial boiler tune ups. Tuning up your boiler will ensure that it is running at the optimal efficiency as well as extend the life of your boiler. For more information on the Citizens Energy Savers Program go to CitizensEnergySavers.com or contact us at (317) 927-4328.



Natural Gas Desiccant Systems Can Save Money and Improve Comfort



Remember the last time you went to dinner or a movie and had to take a jacket to stay warm in the middle of summer? This situation is caused by businesses trying to deal with excess humidity by keeping the temperature low.

Businesses in this situation should consider installing a desiccant system to help remove

moisture from the building, thus allowing them to raise the thermostat to a more comfortable setting for everyone in the building. And the advantages don't just end with the comfort factor. Desiccant systems can also reduce electric bills by reducing the need for cooling. Businesses where desiccants could be applicable include restaurants, movie theaters, supermarkets, hospitals, medical buildings, indoor pools and ice skating arenas.

For a case study on the benefits of natural gas fired desiccant systems, go to citizensgas.com and click on the For Business Section. The case study about a movie theater in Texas shows how two SEMCO Revolution Integrated Desiccant Rooftop units reduced the facility's humidity levels between 10 and 20 percent and their total energy costs by 24 percent.

To learn more about desiccants and how they could help in your business, please contact the Citizens Gas Business Call Center at (317) 927-4328 to contact the appropriate sales consultant.

EPA and Energy Star Can Help You Save Energy This Summer

American businesses are facing high energy prices this summer. Taking several simple steps can help businesses identify commonly overlooked areas for energy savings, save on energy bills, and help establish an energy management strategy that saves money year after year.

By using the following checklist and joining EPA's ENERGY STAR Building Challenge, your business can begin saving 10 percent or more on energy costs this summer. Detailed information for each step is provided by EPA at www.energystar.gov/bizcooling.



1. Establish the energy use of your building(s) and establish a goal

- Establish ENERGY STAR benchmarks as a baseline.
- Establish an energy savings goal and join EPA's ENERGY STAR Challenge

2. Inspect cooling equipment now and perform monthly maintenance

- Tune-up cooling equipment
- Calibrate all thermostats and controls
- Prepare a monthly maintenance plan to check equipment throughout the season

3. Turn back, or turn off cooling equipment when not needed

- Check hours of operation and settings on equipment
- Compare hours of equipment operation to employee schedule
- Adjust cooling equipment to accommodate worker schedule

4. Get the occupants involved

- Hold a staff meeting or send a memo outlining energy objectives
- Instruct employees to power-down idle equipment and turn off equipment at the end of the day
- Encourage employees to purchase ENERGY STAR products
- Solicit opinions of occupant/employee comfort and provide a way for them to offer the opinions regularly
- Instruct employees not to use personal space heaters and address the reasons why they are doing so

5. Improve lighting systems

- Compare lighting schedule with building uses to look for turn-back opportunities
- Replace incandescent bulbs used for task lighting with compact fluorescent bulbs
- Implement a regular lighting maintenance schedule
- Examine the potential for lighting occupancy sensor

Continue to Save with an Energy Management Strategy

The steps in this checklist represent a good start on real energy savings this summer. We encourage you to keep the savings going with a long term strategic energy management plan. EPA provides ENERGY STAR Guidelines for Energy Management to help you build on the above steps and continue saving year after year. For more information on business improvements visit www.energystar.gov.