
BUSINESS POLICY

TO: All Members of the University Community 2012:10

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Energy and Water Use Policy

Section 1 – Policy Statement

Policy to improve the effective and efficient use of energy and water throughout the University community. The University community includes all students, faculty and staff at all University facilities.

Section 2 – Objective

Ferris State University is committed to purchasing and using energy and water in the most efficient, cost effective, and environmentally responsible manner possible. Toward this end, FSU will/shall implement steps to improve energy efficiency and water utilization while striving to support all operations, maintain user satisfaction, and provide a safe and comfortable environment for students, faculty, staff, and guests.

Section 3 – Policy

A. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to:

1. Turn off lights that are not in use
2. Turn off electrical equipment and computers (e.g. monitors, printers, speakers, projectors, etc.) that are not in use at night, on weekends, or during shutdown periods
3. Set computer power management features to allow computers to doze, standby, and suspend within reasonable periods of time
4. Adjust lighting to minimize usage within reasonable levels
5. Dress appropriately for weather conditions
6. Adjust thermostat settings to 68 degrees in the heating season and 75 degrees in the cooling season
7. Make sure exterior doors and windows are appropriately closed
8. Open blinds during the day and close them at night throughout the heating season, and close blinds during the day during the cooling season
9. Use hot water appropriately
10. Avoid the use of hot plates

11. Utilize recycling bins when possible
12. Purchase and use energy-efficient appliances and equipment
13. Avoid usage of portable personal electric heaters
14. Provide support for energy conservation projects and initiatives.
15. Report excessive heating and lighting usage to the Physical Plant
16. Report excessive water usage or deficiencies to the Physical Plant Energy Conservation Manager at KaraOlson@ferris.edu
17. Help educate fellow faculty, staff, and students regarding Energy Policy and practical energy conservation practices
18. Submit energy conservation ideas or opportunities to the Physical Plant

B. The Physical Plant will:

1. Coordinate and direct the overall energy policy implementation
2. Assist in implementing approved Energy Conservation Task Force recommendations
3. Assess the potential value of improved energy conservation projects or initiatives
4. Oversee implementation of approved energy conservation projects
5. Measure, track, evaluate, and communicate energy management program progress to the university community
6. Increase the visibility of energy conservation opportunities and successes within the University
7. Assist in recommending energy efficiency goals for new construction and renovation projects

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