

REDUCE YOUR USE



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The Department of Finance (DFIN) is implementing its energy efficiency targets by reducing energy consumption and energy costs and embedding robust energy management practices at all levels of its operations. It aims to reduce its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 51% by 2030, and to become climate neutral no later than 2050.

Efficiency gains are being achieved through the implementation of structured energy management, building and facility upgrades, retrofits, energy procurement and through staff engagement on energy issues. The Reduce Your Use initiative has made a valuable contribution to building staff engagement over the winter period.



26.5 % - 36.7 % Gas savings
across buildings Sep-Feb

3% Electricity savings
Sep - Dec



3 buildings

(One building is almost entirely occupied by Dept. of Public Expenditure NDP Delivery & Reform and along with DFIN, both departments have shared services in that building)



Heating and lighting



- Turned off heating and utilities outside building operating hours.
- Set internal space heating temperature to 19 degrees C
- Shut down heat in office buildings at least 1-2 hours before building close.
- Optimised water heating to save energy.



- Reduced unnecessary use of lighting.
- Complete shutdown of all unnecessary heating and lighting of unoccupied spaces in all premises during the winter break.

Control, scheduling and engagement



- Minimised heating in response to occupancy levels.
- Ensured that operational control is appropriate to hours of work and delivery of services.
- Reduced electricity use at peak times (5 pm-7pm).
- Promoted energy saving through Reduce Your Use and 'in-house' communication material.



Dept. Finance 'in-house' awareness material



Facilities assessments and maintenance

- Energy Efficiency assessment/audit of most buildings (one pending).
- Out-of-hours walk-through carried out in all buildings.