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Energy plays an important role in our everyday lives, we use it for a range of purposes including heating, cooling, lighting, cooking and cleaning. As vital as energy is to our lives, every time we use it, we are negatively impacting the environment. Essentially, each time we use an electrical appliance, we are contributing to greenhouse gas emissions.

There are many simple but effective ways to reduce energy use at home and at work, most of which simply require a change in behaviour. However, other changes, which initially cost money should also be considered as they could end up paying for themselves through lower energy costs.

Energy Efficient Tips for Cleaning

- ◆ Have all electrical appliances regularly checked and tagged by an approved contractor. Well maintained equipment operate more energy efficiently and reduce repair costs.
- ◆ Where possible use brooms, mops or brushes to remove dirt rather than electrical blowers.
- ◆ Consider efficiency ratings when purchasing new electrical appliances.
- ◆ Ensure all steam cleaners are free from leaks, which increase energy consumption.
- ◆ Investigate the use of microfibre cleaning cloths, which eliminate the need to rinse off detergents with warm water.
- ◆ Ensure all lights are turned off when leaving a room after cleaning.
- ◆ Ensure air conditioners are switched off after hours. If working on automatic timers assess the need to have the systems on outside normal working hours.

It is important that we all realise the implications of our energy use. Not only can it have an adverse affect on the environment, but it also costs us money.

General energy efficient tips for the home and office are available from the Sustainable Energy Development Office web site, www.energysmartdirectory.com/tips.asp or telephone 9420 5600

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