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Program Highlight

Building Tune-up Program

Your Customers Can Save Big on Energy Efficiency Services

Over time, small operational changes in commercial buildings and industrial processes have big effects on energy efficiency, performance and comfort.

The BGE Building Tune-up Program helps your customers identify and implement relatively low-cost operational and maintenance improvements. They’ll get a fast return on their investment — often in less than two years. With financial incentives to cover up to 75% of the service costs, typical energy savings can range from 5% to 15% without significant cash investment.

Building tune-up services help equipment and systems work together effectively and efficiently to meet your customers’ current operating requirements and expectations. Specifically, this program offers the following benefits:

- Returns equipment to its optimal operational state.
- Extends equipment service life and operation.
- Reduces maintenance and repair costs.
- Improves occupant comfort.
- Improves outside air control and indoor air quality.
- Optimizes operation of chiller and other equipment.
Energy-Saving Tips for the Multifamily Sector

Programs and Incentives for Multifamily Residence Customers

The BGE Smart Energy Savers Program® offers a variety of energy efficiency programs and incentives that can help multifamily residences cut costs. Incentives are available for lighting retrofits, occupancy sensors, HVAC equipment, kitchen and refrigeration equipment, power strips and tune-up services for existing equipment. Incentives are also offered for various Multifamily Tenant Equipment.

Solutions for Multifamily Residence Customers

- Educate residents, employees and vendors about efforts to reduce energy use and encourage their participation.
- Instruct staff to turn off unnecessary lights, minimize the use of heating and cooling when possible and turn off computer equipment and appliances when not in use.
- Clean and maintain heating and cooling systems to achieve energy savings of 15% or more.
- Remove excess lamps in common areas where natural light is available. Consider daylighting controls to automate dimming.
- Keep light fixtures clean to boost output by 10% indoors and up to 60% outdoors. Replacing discolored lenses can increase output up to 20%.
- Manage energy use in vacant units by turning off breakers where freezing and security are not a concern, setting minimal temperatures, adjusting refrigerators and freezers to their warmest settings and turning off water heaters.
- Lower the thermostat setting in heated garages and other low-use areas, such as service or mechanical areas, and accurately set the ventilation rate.

For more energy-saving solutions for multifamily residences, check out our property management fact sheet or contact us at business@BGESmartEnergy.com or 410.290.1202.

Ask the Expert

Do you have a technical question about the BGE Smart Energy Savers Program or its rebate structure? Need assistance with an application? If you or your customer has a question, look no further than our Ask the Expert service. Type your contact information and question into the online form, and one of our energy experts will get back to you with the answer. Just look for this button anywhere on our website at BGESmartEnergy.com/business.
Technical Bulletin

Introducing the Technical Bulletin for Businesses

Technical Bulletins are created quarterly to offer tips and resources. These one-page documents are designed to be quick references both in the field and when auditing businesses. All bulletins will be accessible on the BGE website here. This quarter's topic: the importance of accurate audits. We address how to enter information accurately into the electronic worksheets for the Energy Solutions for Business program.

Program Updates

New Participation Requirements for the Energy Solutions for Business Program

Licensing Requirements

BGE's Energy Solutions for Business program expects that all parties involved in application submissions are properly licensed and hold all current state business and occupational/professional licenses, as well as permits required by law. BGE reserves the right to request licenses or permits at any time as a condition of participation.

Upcoming Events

Efficient Mechanical Solutions – For Listed Service Providers
Wednesday, June 8, 2016, 9:30am–12:00pm
Columbia, MD

Advanced Lighting Solutions – For Listed Service Providers
Thursday, June 9, 2016, 9:30am–12:00pm
Columbia, MD

Advanced Lighting Solutions – For Listed Service Providers
Wednesday, June 15, 2016, 9:30am–12:00pm
Columbia, MD

Efficient Mechanical Solutions – For Listed Service Providers
Thursday, June 16, 2016, 9:30am–12:00pm
Columbia, MD
Energy Solutions for Business – Program Training for Service Providers
Wednesday, June 29, 2016, 9:30am–12:00pm
Columbia, MD

Energy Solutions for Business – Program Training for Service Providers
Thursday, June 30, 2016, 9:30am–12:00pm
Columbia, MD

Check the Calendar of Events regularly for information on trainings and other events.

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