

Conservation News & Announcements

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Stanford Center Reduces Electricity Use

The John Stanford Center for Educational Excellence has been working hard to reduce electricity use, and it shows! As the largest electricity consumer in the District, the Stanford Center used 4,625,060 kilowatt hours of electricity during 2007/08. That is enough to power the equivalent of nearly 400 homes for an entire year! Since 2005/06, reductions in electricity use at the Stanford Center alone have saved over \$28,000.

In addition to turning off desk lights and unused appliances, staff use communal refrigerators instead of “mini-fridges” and have limited the use of space heaters. After the adoption of the Natural Resources Conservation Procedures (H25.01), heating and cooling set-points were adjusted. The change in electricity use is dramatic and can be seen on the blue 2006/07 data set below, starting in February. Custodians turn off banks of unused lights in the evening. Operating schedules for the heating and cooling system have also been adjusted to more accurately reflect building occupancy.

The Stanford Center is unique in its operation. In addition to office spaces for administrative staff the building is home to the Central Kitchen, maintenance and fabrication shops, and District Warehouse.

