

NEW

SUBJECT: ENERGY/WATER CONSERVATION AND RECYCLING OF SOLID WASTE

Energy/Water Conservation

The Board recognizes the importance of energy and water conservation and is committed to the analysis, development, and initiation of conservation measures throughout the District for the purpose of reducing energy consumption, particularly in these times of declining levels of natural energy resources and increasing cost of these resources. The Board will maintain an aggressive and responsible program to reduce consumption of energy by its facilities and to provide education on the conservation of energy.

The District will comply with the Property Maintenance Code of New York State, part of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, which requires that indoor occupiable work spaces be maintained at a minimum temperature of 65 degrees from September 14 to May 31 during the period the spaces are occupied. There are exceptions for areas of vigorous physical activities such as gymnasiums as well as processing spaces such as coolers or freezers. However, by law, code or regulation there is no maximum temperature specified. Ventilation requirements only require fresh air, not cool air-conditioning.

Recycling

The Superintendent will develop a program for the source separation and segregation of recyclable or reusable materials in the District. This District-wide recycling plan shall include:

- a) A conservation education program to teach students about their social responsibility for preserving our resources, and involvement of all students and personnel in a comprehensive effort to reduce, reuse and recycle waste materials;
- b) A concerted effort to purchase recycled items and biodegradable rather than non-biodegradable products;
- c) Separation of waste into appropriate categories for the purpose of recycling; including mercury-added consumer products; and
- d) A cooperative effort with community recycling programs.

Regular School and Work Days

- a) All appliances and lighting should be turned off when areas or classrooms are unoccupied, even during the school day. Particular attention should be directed to areas that may have sufficient natural lighting from windows and skylights.
- b) All windows and outside doors should be kept closed when heating or cooling systems are in operation.

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- c) Thermostats should be set at no more than 68 degrees for heating cycles and 78 degrees for cooling cycles. Settings may be changed only by authorized building occupants.
- d) Personal portable electric heaters and personal comfort air conditioning devices, personal coffee makers/pots, refrigerators, air fresheners, extension cords, power strips, and any other devices that require electricity will not be permitted, unless written permission is obtained from the Superintendent or her or his designee. Common areas will be District established in all buildings. In compelling cases written permission may be obtained from the building principal, in consultation with the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, for a specific duration. This permission will include a description of the electrical device for which the staff member is seeking permission, along with an explanation of why the device is being requested as well as a date of expiration indicating when permission must be obtained anew.
- e) Computers and all other office equipment should be turned off when not in use and at the end of the work day.

After Hours and Weekends

- a) Lights are to be turned on only as needed for cleaning or building use. Use of lighting and other electrical energy inside or outside of buildings will be held at the lowest possible level without impairing necessary security or safety.
- b) Existing draperies, blinds, or exterior shading devices should be used to regulate desired heat loss or heat gain, as well as make maximum beneficial use of available daylight.

Environmental Conservation Law Sections 27-2101-27-2115
General Municipal Law Section 120-aa
19 NYCRR Sections 1220-1226

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