

## WINTER HVAC TIPS

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With the fall season in full swing, it's the perfect time to think ahead to ensure your HVAC systems are ready before Ol' Man Winter comes to town. Hutchinson, a leading energy services and mechanical services contractor serving the region's commercial customers, offers tips to help add life to your systems, enhance comfort and improve your bottom line.

1. Use Energy Star Portfolio Manager to see how your building rates with other similar buildings. If you rate low, there are many things you can do to improve the operation of your building.
2. Check HVAC settings to get maximum efficiency. Set your thermostat at 68° during the day and at 60° at night. You can save approximately 3% on heating costs for every degree under 70.
3. Install a programmable thermostat. A web and cloud based control system offers peace of mind by keeping settings maintained during and after office hours.
4. Establish a preventive maintenance program.
  - ▶ Change or clean all air filters, preferably every month.
  - ▶ Repair leaks in piping, air ducts, coils, fittings and at the unit(s).
  - ▶ Replace defective equipment insulation, ducting and piping.
  - ▶ Install/upgrade HVAC controls to include new energy management systems technologies.
5. Clean Heating Ducts  
Heating ducts should be cleaned periodically to allow efficient heating and provide fresh, clean air. Also check to make sure the ducts are properly insulated.
6. Take Advantage of Energy Efficiency Programs  
Hutchinson is a designated contractor of Direct Install, a program offered by New Jersey Office of Clean Energy. Upgrade to energy efficiency with Direct Install and 70% of the cost will be covered for energy upgrades, including lighting and HVAC equipment. Instead of pumping money into your outdated, inefficient units, why not upgrade to a new, state-of-the-art energy-efficient system?

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7. Conduct daytime/nighttime audits. Check to see if the lights are on. Is the building comfortable? Make adjustments as needed.

Contact Hutchinson at 888-777-4501 or [Dicoordinator@hutchbiz.com](mailto:Dicoordinator@hutchbiz.com) to schedule an energy assessment appointment.

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