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Save Energy During Company Breaks

If your company closes down operations during the holidays, following these few energy-saving steps can help save money during the break.

1. Turn off all lights that are not needed for security. Turning off lights is one of the simplest ways to save energy over a holiday break. Everyone can get involved with helping flip the switches.
2. Set the thermostat back. To save energy during breaks, cut the thermostat way back - setting it to around 55 degrees. For a long break, 55 degrees is a good temperature to maintain. Settings between 60 and 63 degrees may be more appropriate for a shorter break. Facility managers should be consulted, though, and should ultimately determine the actual set-back temperatures.
3. Turn off desktop computers. Institute a policy to shut down computers every night to extend savings throughout the year.
4. Unplug space heaters, refrigerators and other personal appliances used by employees. These items can cost a lot to operate.
5. Turn off and unplug all unused equipment. Even if all of the appliances at your facility are turned off, chances are that they are still drawing a small amount of energy. This "phantom load," while small (usually around 1-5 watts) for each individual appliance, can add up quickly. Almost any product with an external power supply, remote control, continuous display (including an LED), or that charges batteries will draw power continuously. The best way to zap these loads? Plug your appliances into a power strip, and cut the power with one flick of the strip to "OFF."

KPPC News

- **Offices Will Close for the Holidays**

Due to the University of Louisville's administrative holiday shutdown, KPPC offices will be closed on December 24 and will reopen on January 4, 2010.

- **SHARE Holiday Collection**



Assisting with this year's food donation program at the University of Louisville, KPPC collected and transported nearly 80 non-perishable food items from the UofL Shelby Campus. The donations were made as part of UofL's Staff Help Assistance Relief Effort (SHARE) program. The program was created in 1991 to assist UofL staff during the Christmas Holiday. In 1996-97 the program was expanded to not only offer assistance during the holiday season but throughout the year. SHARE operates only through the donations of UofL staff, and hundreds of staff members have been assisted since the program's inception.

- **Job Opportunities with KPPC**

Reminder – [KPPC will have a number of positions open](#) at various times through March 2010. Interested applicants must apply for positions through University of Louisville Human Resources. Please forward this notice to anyone you may know who may be interested in applying for a position with KPPC.

KIME Update

KIME now has 102 registered companies and 35 approved materials listings. On average, 100-130 visitors browse the site each day. As your company sources raw materials or manages its waste streams, consider [KIME](#) as a resource. Some materials currently listed on KIME include:

- Available—
carbon dust, tire shreds, densified white EPS block and paint buckets
- Wanted—
acoustical ceiling panels, PET beverage containers, plastic pallets and wood waste.



**Kentucky Industrial
Materials Exchange**

Mark your Calendar for these Upcoming Conferences and Events

Plastics Recycling 2010 Conference – March 2-3, 2010 – Austin, Texas

Sessions at this year's conference will relate to certification, legislation, export, design and the state of the plastics recycling industry. The trade show floor will include dozens of representatives of the broad spectrum of the industry: equipment and processing system companies, materials handlers, consultants and commodity brokers.

[More information on the conference](#), including sponsorship and exhibiting opportunities is available online.

The Southeast Recycling Conference & Trade Show – March 7-10, 2010 – Destin, FL

The [Southeast Recycling Conference & Trade Show](#) (SERC) is a four day event linking industry leaders and recycling officials, offering focused educational sessions, the latest recycling products, equipment and services and exciting networking opportunities. The event will attract 400-600 industry leaders and exhibitors.



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