

JANUARY UPDATE



I-Save is a voluntary program developed by Wayne-Westland Community Schools as an internal energy conservation program that helps our district reduce our impact on the planet, educate our students about conservation, and redirect utility dollars back into the classroom. The program was launched in August of 2008 and has been offered to all District buildings.

Hot Hot Hot!

Does your building have overly hot rooms? Contact your building custodian or Nick Thornton to report hot rooms so the issue can be corrected.

Is your home ready?

The United States Congress passed legislation last year to make our homes more efficient. The law starts with the phase out of 100 watt light bulbs by January of 2012 and ends with the phase out of smaller bulbs (40 watt) by January 2014. Phillips Electronics estimates that this move will save Americans \$18 billion in electricity annually. Check out <http://www.environmentalleader.com> for more info.

Honorable Mention

Kudos are due to the following buildings for significant reduction in their electrical usage in November:

Adams	23.5 %	Elliott	14.8 %
Hicks	21.4 %	Kettering	14.5 %
Marshall	18.0 %	Hoover	13.7 %
Hamilton	15.2 %	Madison	13.4%

Teaching Kids...

Keeping things exciting in the classroom can be a never-ending task. Check out this site from the U.S. Department of Energy for cool information, lesson plans, and experiments for various grade levels:

http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/education/lesson_plans/

I-Save Feedback

In February, a survey will be sent out to the principal and building point person at each facility to get feedback on the program. This will be an opportunity to have some input on what the program look like next year. If you could change I-Save to be a better program, what would you change and how?

Don't Miss This Chance!

With the February break approaching, your building will be empty for over 100 hours! Is your building ready? Make sure when you leave on Friday, February 13th, that your computer (and monitor) are off.

Recycling Unusual Items?

Wondering where or how to recycle those compact fluorescent bulbs? Many retailers now accept CFLs for recycling including The Home Depot & IKEA. Want more info on recycling a particular product where you live? Try visiting www.earth911.org

Tricks & Tips

Unsure of what to do with plastic grocery bags when they cannot be re-used anymore? The Westland Meijer offers free plastic bag recycling. Just drop your bags in the recycling container at the entry doors.

Got Empty Rooms?

If your building has spare classrooms consider unplugging TVs, VCRs, audio enhancement, and computers in those classrooms. Talk to your custodian or contact Buildings & Grounds to see if the heat can be turned down or the fan can be turned off in these empty rooms.

Ideas for Home

If you have a forced-air furnace (which most homes do), changing the air filter can greatly reduce the amount of time the furnace runs during the coldest months of the year and lower your energy bill. The U.S. Department of Energy recommends changing home air filters 4 times a year. When was the last time your furnace filter was changed?