

Efficiency Toolkit

Vending Machine Controls

Vending machines can contribute significantly to total building energy use. Some clubs are removing them altogether in favor of drinking fountains with water bottle refill stations. If vending machines are deemed necessary, they should be Energy Star rated. Another option to conserve energy is to add a technology called vending misers to the machines. The vending misers use motion or occupancy sensors to detect when people are not present, turning off the machine lighting to save energy, while keeping refrigeration on.



Through partnerships with national nonprofits including the Salvation Army, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and Feeding America, the Nonprofit Energy and Water Efficiency (NEWE) Initiative delivers cost savings through energy and water reduction resulting in additional funds that can be reallocated toward each nonprofit's mission.

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