

Quick Start Guide to More Efficient, More Sustainable Buildings

Improving your building's energy efficiency can go a long way toward creating a more productive, comfortable and sustainable workplace. If this sounds good but you're not sure where to begin, this guide is for you. Please note that while we have divided the information by building size, type and age, your building may qualify for any of the programs listed below.

Take a look below to get started.

Small Buildings

Small buildings are typically one- or two-story structures under 25,000 sq. ft. such as retail stores, offices, repair shops, food service or nonprofit and religious facilities. These spaces usually control their heating and cooling systems with just a few individual thermostats, which means the systems are easy to upgrade. **BGE's Small Business Energy Solutions Program** is designed to deliver the most popular upgrades with just a single phone call. Best of all, the program covers 85% of the cost of your improvements. You can even choose to spread your portion of the cost across your BGE bills over the course of a year.

Larger Buildings

Larger buildings are more complex. They may have multiple stories and a building control system. For these types of facilities, **BGE's Building Tune-up Program** is the easiest way to get started. A building tune-up diagnoses any problems and offers low-cost solutions to maximize efficiency and comfort—something that can even improve employee productivity. Building tune-ups also give you important information on the need for longer-term projects like replacing HVAC systems or lighting. BGE can subsidize up to 85% of tune-up service costs up to prespecified caps.

EmPOWER Maryland programs are funded by a charge on your energy bill. EmPOWER programs can help you reduce your energy consumption and save you money. To learn more about EmPOWER and how you can participate, go to [BGESmartEnergy.com](https://www.BGESmartEnergy.com).

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For businesses that are large enough to have engineering or maintenance staff, BGE also offers incentives up to 100% on course enrollment costs for **building operator training**. This is a great way to teach your staff the latest in efficiency and sustainability measures while they earn valuable industry certifications.

Older and/or Larger Buildings

Older buildings often can benefit from new, more efficient equipment. **BGE's Energy Solutions for Business Program** can help there, too. Our specially trained contractors can steer you toward incentives to drive down your initial costs and get you to the break-even point faster. If you're buying your equipment through a distributor, **BGE's Instant Discounts Program** also provides savings for purchasing efficient lighting and HVAC equipment.

New Buildings and Complex Jobs

New buildings and complex jobs can benefit from **BGE's Custom Program**. Not only will BGE help you decide the best approach, but we'll also provide custom incentives for almost anything you can imagine.

Ready to start your project or want to learn more?

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