



Save your energy: BigHospitality's top 10 tips to cut fuel bills

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As the days start to get shorter and colder, but energy prices get higher, BigHospitality looks at different ways restaurateurs and hoteliers can cut energy consumption and keep outgoings as low as possible during the winter months.

The news that wholesale gas prices are set to rise yet again this winter is bad news for all of us, but for the hospitality industry it will have severe implications.

Unless, like vegan restaurant, SAP, the majority of your food is served raw, the kitchen will inevitably need some kind of fuel to keep the ovens fired up.

And for hotels, where guests expect centrally heated rooms along with their cooked breakfasts the need is even greater, so what are you going to do when your fuel supplier "regrets" to inform you that it will be charging you more this winter? Do you experience a squeeze in profits or go through the headache of raising your prices to recover those costs?

The solution isn't an easy one and it's unlikely that anyone in the industry will sail through the winter without noticing the effects of the price rise somewhere, but there are certainly ways you can lessen the impact without resorting to drastic measures, so here are BigHospitality's top 10 tips to cut energy consumption and save your business money this winter.

01 > Think about the lighting

02 > Check your heating thermometer

03 > Turn off appliances when not in use

04 > Insulate

05 > Switch to a different form of energy

06 > Update your appliances

07 > Invest in some energy saving products for existing products

The **EndoCube** is a small black box which is fitted into fridges to regulate the temperature inside those that are frequently opened and closed, meaning the appliance needs less energy to cool it down. The Park Plaza Riverbank hotel in London carried out a trial and installed 150 **EndoCubes** in its fridges, which it estimates will save the hotel 17k per year.

08 > Check your water systems

09 > Be strict with amounts used

10 > Communicate - Tell everyone in the company about ways they can save energy.