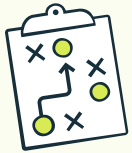


The Building Blocks of Energy Efficiency

Whether you're just getting started or refining existing energy management efforts, these building blocks provide a clear path to lasting results.



Make a plan

Form an internal energy committee and define a clear direction through an Energy Policy and supporting Guidelines. Establish shared expectations and a long-term vision to align departments and decisions.



Gather information

Compile at least three years of utility bills, identify all meters, and understand your billing accounts and rate structures. Use a centralized system to maintain consistency and eliminate data silos.



Build strong relationships

Coordinate with finance, sustainability, operations, and accounting teams to break down communication barriers. Build rapport with your utility vendors to gain insight into rebates, rate options, and energy services.



Learn your facilities

Walk buildings during different times of day and seasons to see how they operate. Document equipment schedules, identify outdated systems, and uncover inefficiencies in how spaces are heated, cooled, and lit.



Take action

Align building systems with occupancy schedules, reduce equipment run-time during off-hours, and recommission your existing equipment to restore performance. Focus on operational improvements first for fast ROI.

Want to dive deeper into energy management? Take your energy management operations to the next level with lessons from the Energy Management 201 webinar series:

- ▶ [Understanding Your Utility Bills and Vendors](#)
- ▶ [The Energy Manager: A Bridge Between Facilities and Finance](#)
- ▶ [Get Ahead of Aging Systems: Build a Smarter, Energy-Driven Multi-Year Facilities Plan](#)