

# ENERGYwise

FOR YOUR BUSINESS



## Energy Audit and Energy Design Assistance:

Many people are interested in finding ways to make their business's energy use more efficient and less costly, but are not quite sure where to begin. An energy audit is the perfect starting point to make your facilities more efficient. It is easy and it can lead to huge savings on your energy bill.

### Value for Your Business

Energy Audit and Design assistance will tell you:

- Where do your energy dollars go?
- How can you reduce your energy bills?
- How does your energy use compare with similar businesses?
- What technology can help reduce your energy costs?
- How can scheduling and controls help save you money?
- Are you on the most appropriate electric rate?

### How does it work?

There are different levels of energy audits based on your objectives:

**1. Walk-through audit** – For some business members, a walk-through audit may be sufficient to identify the major energy-saving opportunities. Our energy experts will help you identify ways to reduce your energy use, and how much you can expect to save.

- An informal and informative discussion takes place during the tour that describes how your building is using energy and what strategies or measures could be pursued that make it more efficient and save you money.

- You will learn about new energy efficient technologies and how they can reduce your electric bill.
- During the walk-through audit the cooperative representative will discuss electric rates and help to determine if your business is on the most appropriate rate.
- At the completion of the walk-through audit you will have a good understanding of how your building is currently operating and where improvements can be made to lower your energy costs.

**2. Cost-share audit** – For a larger, more complex facility, a cost-share audit may be required.

A cost-share audit is a more comprehensive audit performed by a professional energy auditor. This type of audit will give you the hard numbers that will allow you to determine which energy efficiency measures are most cost effective for your business.

- A cost share audit digs deep into the inner workings of your building to better identify more energy savings opportunities.
- This type of audit will estimate the cost of the energy efficiency measures and calculate a return on your capital investments.

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Our energy experts can help you identify an energy-saving program that will work for you and your business.

- Once the audit is complete, you'll receive a completed audit report including a set of recommendations customized to your building or operation that will give the information you need to make critical decisions that can make your business more energy efficient and profitable.

**3. Energy design assistance** – If you are in the process of designing or building a new facility, or considering a major addition, let us help make the project as efficient as possible

with our design assistance program. For new construction, expansion, or renovations of larger commercial/industrial building projects, it's best to identify the energy efficiency measures in the preliminary design stage before construction begins.

To help in identifying the energy efficiency measures that may be right for your building, Agralite Electric Cooperative uses a professional engineer to provide a review of your initial design prints to identify potential energy-saving measures.

It's a way of conducting an energy audit before your facility is built. Agralite is willing to help cover the cost of reviewing your plans for a new facility or project with the end result being lower energy costs.

## Who can participate?

Any commercial, industrial, or agricultural member can participate in these programs.

## Contact us and Start Saving Today!

If you have any questions or need assistance in making these savings a reality for your business; please contact your local energy expert at your electric cooperative.



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