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The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that federal regulators may encourage large electricity users to reduce energy consumption at peak times in exchange for price breaks, a practice known as "demand response." <u>Click here</u> to find out more.

Cutting Costs for Healthcare Facilities



View a larger version of this infographic, <u>here</u>, to learn what measures healthcare facilities are taking to cut costs without

Dear Kristy,

How is your facility's equipment holding up this winter? To prevent possible equipment failure and ensure top occupant comfort, a proactive and preventive maintenance program is a must.

Learn a few fast fixes for thermal comfort and how healthcare systems are cutting facility costs without compromising patient care in this month's educational articles below. Ready to make a positive change for your facility's comfort conditions and budget? Then call <u>Air Temp Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.</u> today to set up an appointment.

Cut Costs Without Compromising Patient Care

Healthcare systems spend more than \$10 billion a year on energy costs. That's enough to cover the average salary of more than 100,000 registered nurses. With rising energy costs straining tight budgets, healthcare facilities are seeking ways to cut costs without compromising the quality of patient care.



According to the U.S Energy Information

Administration, HVAC, hot water and lighting systems consume 74.4 percent of the energy in healthcare facilities. One of the best ways to tackle out-of-control facility costs is by investing in effective maintenance, which has been shown to reduce HVAC costs by 5 - 40 percent. Find out more ways to save by viewing the infographic in this month's Market Trends! cutting patient care or services.



QUESTION: What is the benefit of reducing energy consumption during peak times?

ANSWER: This practice can lower energy costs for consumers, lessen the risk of system failures, and reduce the need for generators to utilize older and dirtier power plants that supply extra power during peak usage times.



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Fast Fixes for Thermal Comfort

Do your employees constantly complain of scorching hot or arctic cold temperatures inside the office? While more than 65 percent of an individual's thermal comfort is dependent on



a building's HVAC system, fixing uncomfortable comfort conditions often takes more than a turn of the temperature dial. A range of factors - from clothing to personal preference or activity, air humidity and more can affect the thermal comfort of each individual employee.

Although it is probably not possible to make everyone happy in a shared environment, ASHRAE offers an occupant survey that can help pinpoint problem spots in facility comfort conditions. Once you know the source (or sources) of occupant discomfort, you can begin tackling them with budget-friendly improvements for every season. <u>Click here</u> to learn "10 Fixes to Create a Happy Balance," find an abbreviated version of ASHRAE 55's satisfaction survey and learn more about thermal comfort in BUILDINGS magazine's full article, *Fast Fixes for Thermal Comfort*.