

Houses of Religious Worship

Best Practices for Utility Co\$ Reduction

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Presentation Outline

- Utility Pricing & Production Data
- HVAC 101 and Human Comfort
- Ventilation Requirements
- Older HVAC
- Modern HVAC
- Lighting
- Renewable Energy
- Top Conservation Recommendations
- Q & A

Utility Pricing and Production Data

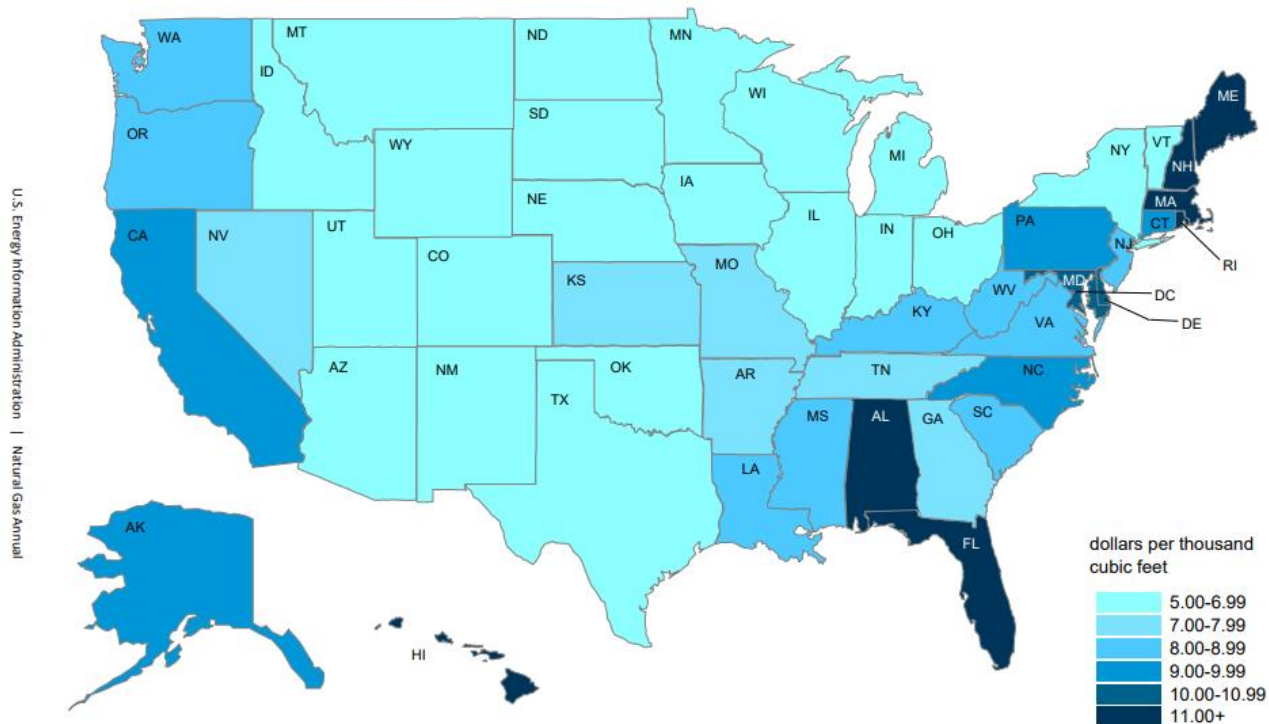
Monetary Fuel Prices

| Fuel Type | Unit Price | Heating Value [Btu/unit] | Fuel Unit | Efficiency | Monetary Value (\$/MMbtu) | Index Price Ranking | Index Factor |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Electricity | \$ 0.250 | 3,412 | KWH | 100% | \$ 73.27 | 100% | 4.1 |
| Propane | \$ 3.80 | 91,500 | Gallon | 80% | \$ 51.91 | 71% | 2.9 |
| Propane | \$ 3.80 | 91,500 | Gallon | 95% | \$ 43.72 | 60% | 2.4 |
| #2 Oil | \$ 4.69 | 140,000 | Gallon | 84% | \$ 39.88 | 54% | 2.2 |
| Heat Pump | \$ 0.25 | 3,412 | KWH | 300% | \$ 24.42 | 33% | 1.4 |
| Wood Pellet | \$ 5.98 | 328,000 | 40 lb Bag | 70% | \$ 26.05 | 36% | 1.5 |
| Cord Wood | \$ 325.00 | 24,000,000 | cord | 60% | \$ 22.57 | 31% | 1.3 |
| Natural Gas | \$ 1.70 | 100,000 | Therm | 80% | \$ 21.25 | 29% | 1.2 |
| Natural Gas | \$ 1.70 | 100,000 | Therm | 95% | \$ 17.89 | 24% | 1.0 |
| Max: | | | | | \$ 73.27 | | |
| *Note: A COP of 3.0 = 300% Efficiency | | | | | | | |

Natural Gas

[Source: U.S. Energy Administration (EIA)]

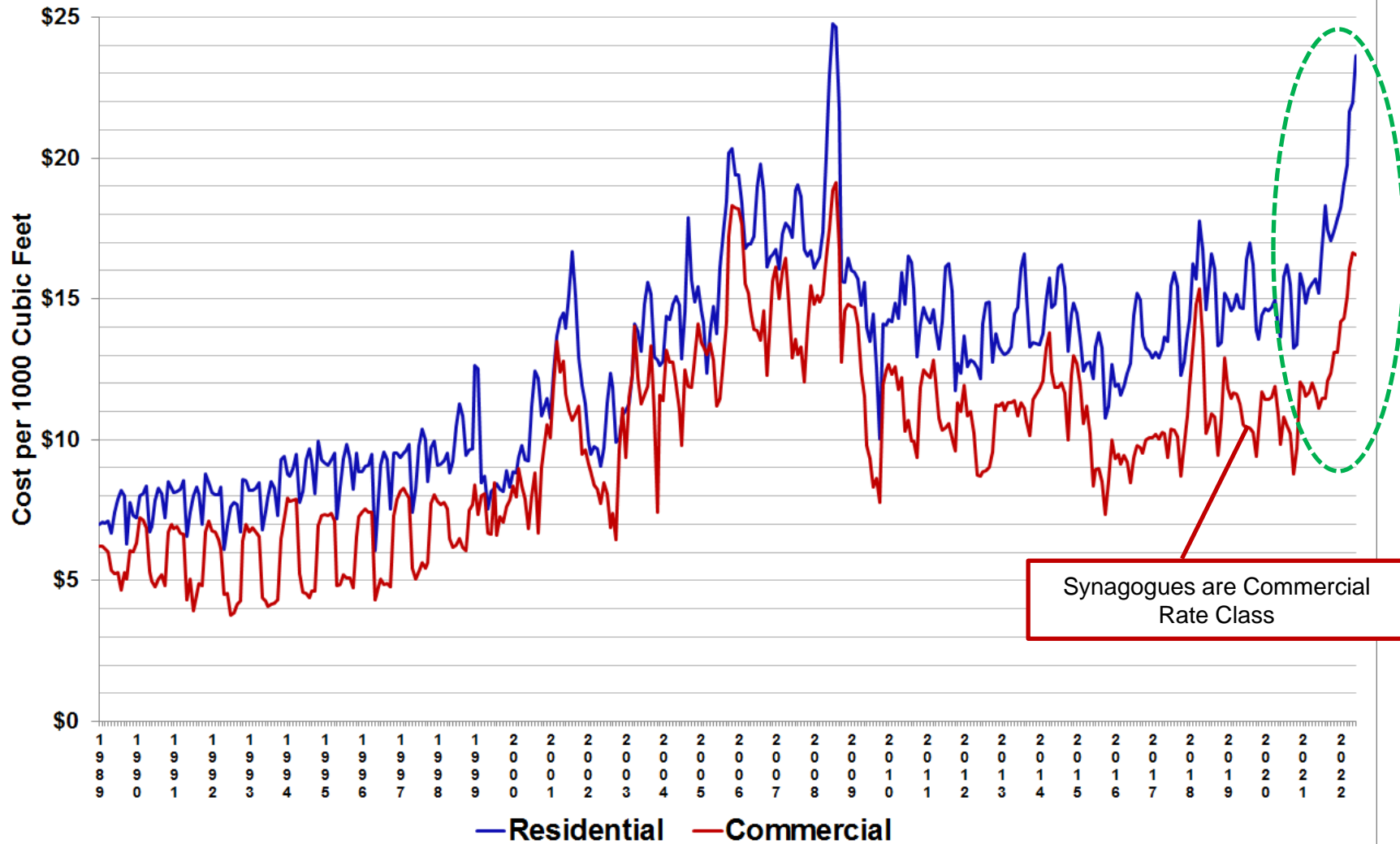
Figure 21. Average price of natural gas delivered to U.S. commercial consumers, 2020
(dollars per thousand cubic feet)



Note: Prices are in nominal dollars.

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Form EIA-176, Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition, and Form EIA-910, Monthly Natural Gas Marketer Survey.

Massachusetts Historical Natural Gas Prices

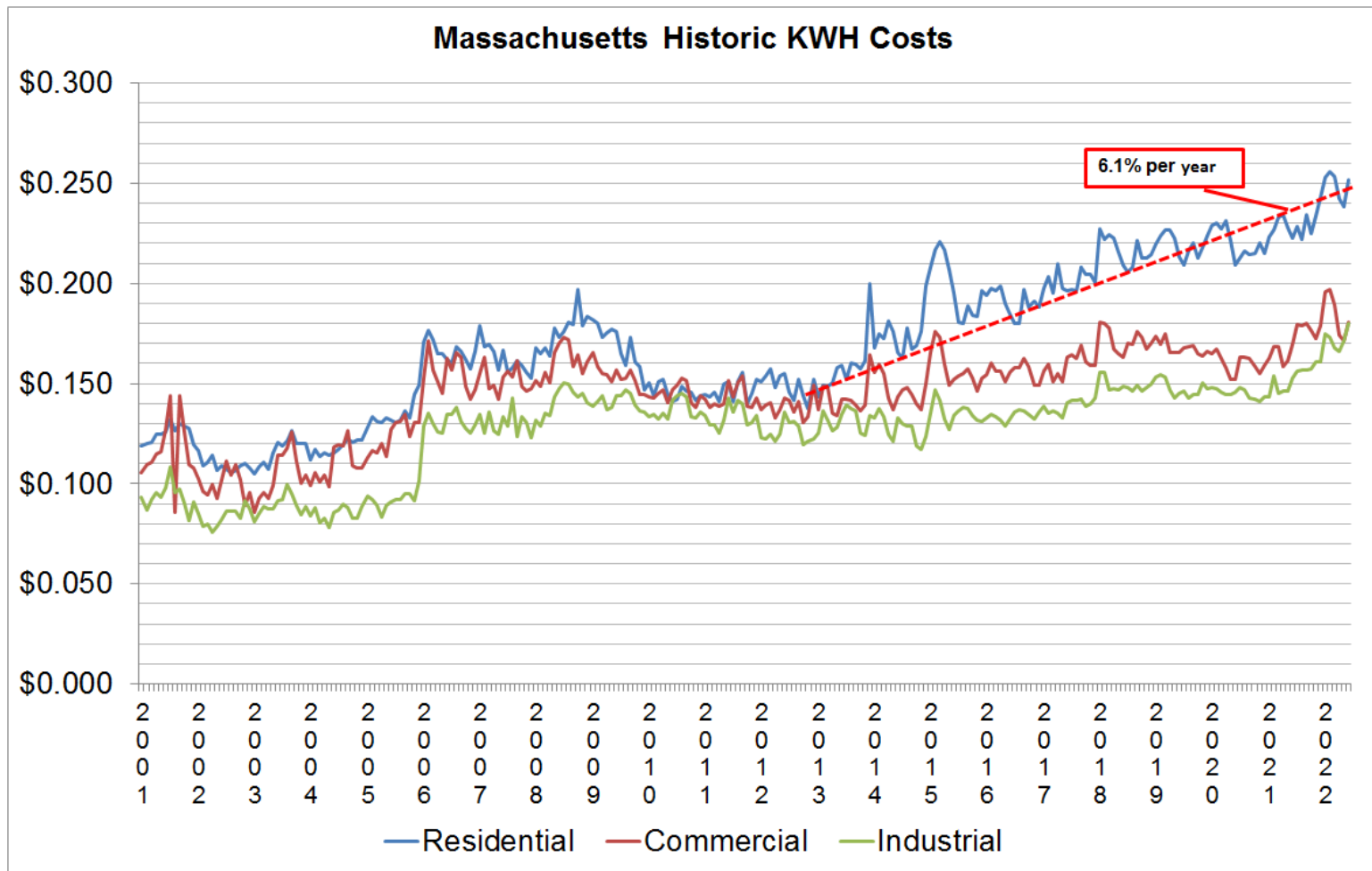


Residential Electric Rates

Approximately **80%** of Synagogues are “Residential” Rate Class

(Average Rates: **Jan 2022 - June 2022**, Source: EIA)

| | | | | | |
|----|----------------------|-----------------|----|----------------|----------|
| 1 | Hawaii | \$ 0.407 | 26 | Nevada | \$ 0.134 |
| 2 | California | \$ 0.262 | 27 | Georgia | \$ 0.133 |
| 3 | Connecticut | \$ 0.253 | 28 | Ohio | \$ 0.132 |
| 4 | Massachusetts | \$ 0.249 | 29 | Delaware | \$ 0.131 |
| 5 | Maine | \$ 0.229 | 30 | West Virginia | \$ 0.130 |
| 6 | Alaska | \$ 0.229 | 31 | Arizona | \$ 0.129 |
| 7 | Rhode Island | \$ 0.228 | 32 | Texas | \$ 0.128 |
| 8 | New Hampshire | \$ 0.226 | 33 | Virginia | \$ 0.127 |
| 9 | New York | \$ 0.213 | 34 | Iowa | \$ 0.125 |
| 10 | Vermont | \$ 0.199 | 35 | Mississippi | \$ 0.125 |
| 11 | Michigan | \$ 0.175 | 36 | Kentucky | \$ 0.123 |
| 12 | New Jersey | \$ 0.167 | 37 | South Dakota | \$ 0.119 |
| 13 | Wisconsin | \$ 0.154 | 38 | North Carolina | \$ 0.118 |
| 14 | Pennsylvania | \$ 0.150 | 39 | Tennessee | \$ 0.117 |
| 15 | Illinois | \$ 0.148 | 40 | Oklahoma | \$ 0.116 |
| 16 | Indiana | \$ 0.143 | 41 | Louisiana | \$ 0.116 |
| 17 | Maryland | \$ 0.141 | 42 | Missouri | \$ 0.114 |
| 18 | Alabama | \$ 0.138 | 43 | Arkansas | \$ 0.113 |
| 19 | Colorado | \$ 0.138 | 44 | Oregon | \$ 0.112 |
| 20 | District Of Columbia | \$ 0.138 | 45 | Montana | \$ 0.109 |
| 21 | Minnesota | \$ 0.138 | 46 | Wyoming | \$ 0.109 |
| 22 | South Carolina | \$ 0.136 | 47 | North Dakota | \$ 0.108 |
| 23 | Florida | \$ 0.136 | 48 | Utah | \$ 0.107 |
| 24 | Kansas | \$ 0.135 | 49 | Nebraska | \$ 0.106 |
| 25 | New Mexico | \$ 0.134 | 50 | Idaho | \$ 0.102 |
| | | | 51 | Washington | \$ 0.102 |



GHG Power Production in our Region:

| | Power Use (TWH) | Population (Millions) | Annual MWH/capita | ¢ per KWH | Nat Gas | Oil | Biomass | Coal | GHG Total |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Connecticut | 41.2 | 3.61 | 11.4 | 22.4 | 57.0% | 0.0% | 3.3% | 0.0% | 60% |
| Maine | 10.4 | 1.37 | 7.6 | 18.0 | 16.9% | 0.4% | 23.4% | 0.0% | 41% |
| Massachusetts | 18.3 | 6.98 | 2.6 | 23.5 | 76.1% | 0.2% | 8.3% | 0.0% | 85% |
| New Hampshire | 16.7 | 1.39 | 12.0 | 20.7 | 21.8% | 0.2% | 6.5% | 0.0% | 29% |
| Rhode Island | 8.0 | 1.10 | 7.3 | 23.4 | 91.8% | 1.0% | 2.6% | 0.0% | 95% |
| Vermont | 2.4 | 0.65 | 3.7 | 19.5 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 17.8% | 0.0% | 18% |
| New England | 97.0 | 15.1 | 6.4 | 21.9 | 51.7% | 0.2% | 7.3% | 0.0% | 59% |
| New York | 132.0 | 19.84 | 6.7 | 20.5 | 40.1% | 0.2% | 2.0% | 0.1% | 42% |
| New Jersey | 61.5 | 9.27 | 6.6 | 16.3 | 49.9% | 0.1% | 2.4% | 1.4% | 54% |
| Pennsylvania | 231.0 | 12.80 | 18.0 | 14.1 | 52.1% | 0.0% | 2.6% | 8.9% | 64% |

Note: 1 TWH = 1,000,000 MWH

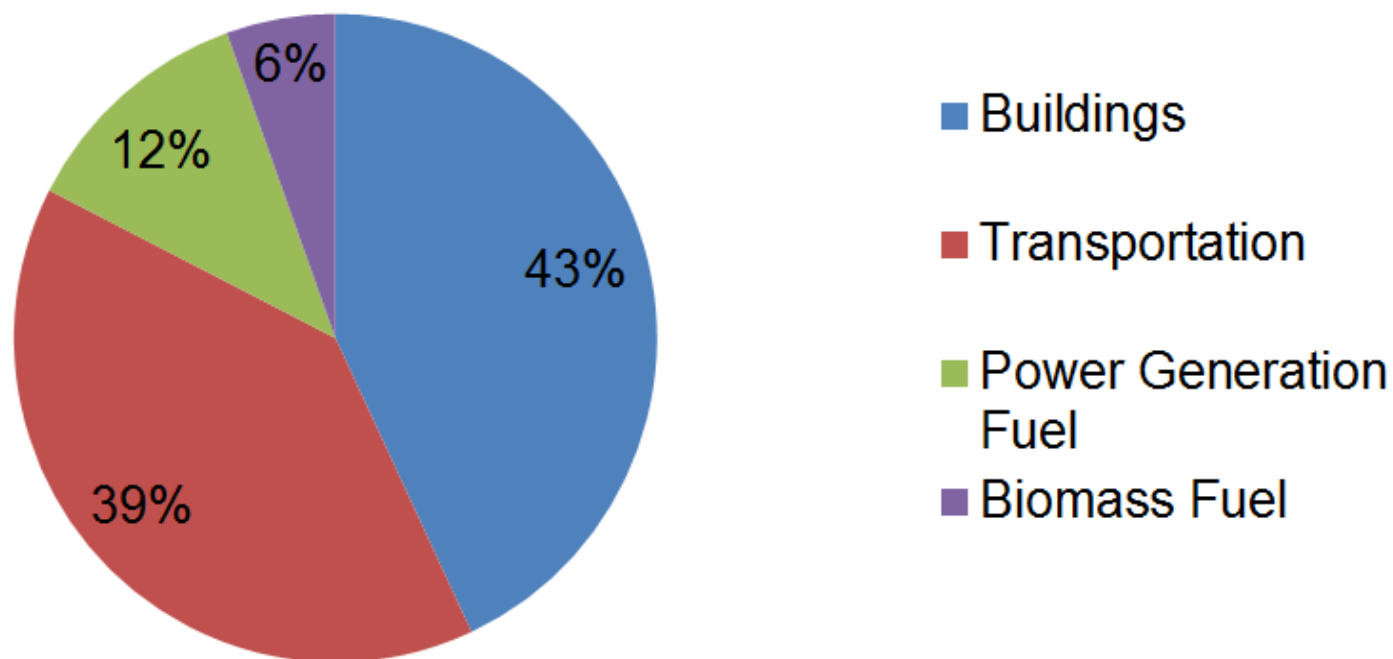
Non-GHG Power Production in our Region:

| | Hydro | Solar | Wind | Nuclear | Non-GHG Total |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|
| Connecticut | 1% | 0.6% | 0.0% | 38.2% | 40% |
| Maine | 34.4% | 0.3% | 24.0% | 0.5% | 59% |
| Massachusetts | 5.4% | 8.5% | 1.5% | 0.0% | 15% |
| New Hampshire | 8.9% | 0.0% | 3.1% | 59.0% | 71% |
| Rhode Island | 0.0% | 2.6% | 2.9% | 0.0% | 6% |
| Vermont | 57.8% | 8.0% | 16.2% | 0.0% | 82% |
| New England | 8.1% | 2.3% | 4.0% | 26.4% | 41% |
| New York | 23.8% | 0.8% | 3.8% | 29.1% | 58% |
| New Jersey | 0.0% | 2.6% | 0.0% | 43.5% | 46% |
| Pennsylvania | 1.5% | 0.1% | 1.7% | 33.1% | 36% |

| | MMBTU |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Buildings | 459,738,440 |
| Transportation | 421,693,000 |
| Power Generation Fuel | 127,992,120 |
| Biomass Fuel | 58,600,000 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 1,068,023,560 |

Notes

Massachusetts Fuel Consumption MMBTU (2020)



Comments

Our dominant source of energy for continuous electricity generation is natural gas, oil, and biomass, only 8% is truly renewable.

The renewable sources do not operate 24/7.

We are therefore dependent on renewables to supplement our energy needs and will continue to depend on fossil energy until fusion and/or hydrogen become the dominant fuel source.

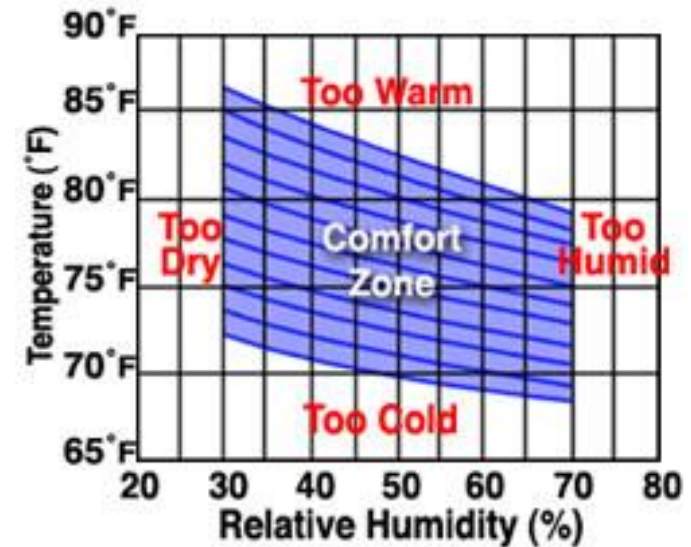
Electrification

- Conversion from fossil fuel to resistive electric will result in greater release of GHG due to the dominant use of gas/oil/wood for electricity generation, the poor overall efficiencies of power plants, and the power line transmission losses.

HVAC 101

COMFORT & AIR BALANCE

HVAC Systems, Comfort & Air Balance Equipment



The purpose of HVAC systems is to add/remove heat, moisture, and air pollutants from a controlled space and provide conditions to promote human comfort/health.

Human Comfort

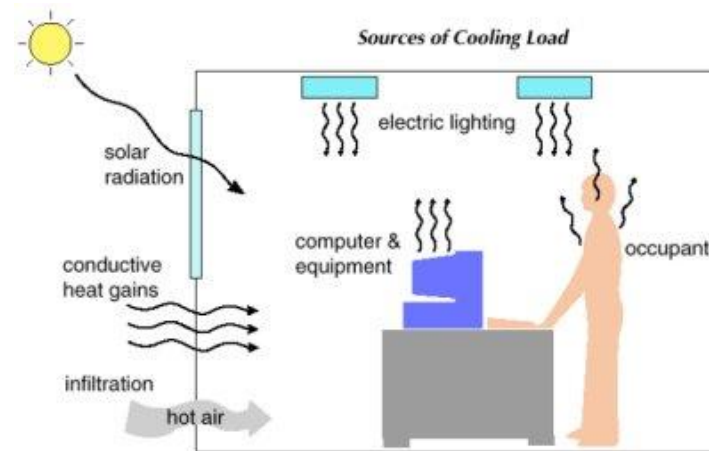
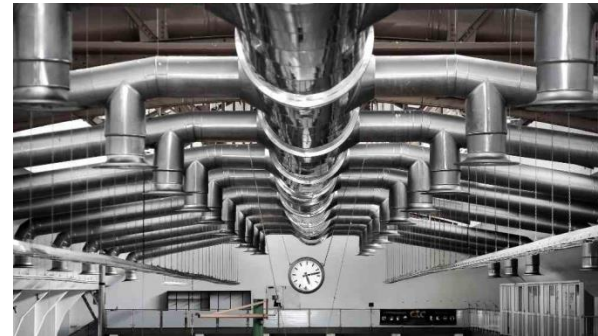
- Dry bulb temperature
- Relative humidity
- Air velocity
- Fresh Air
- Noise
- Pollutants

Types of HVAC Systems

The purpose of HVAC systems is to add/remove heat, moisture and air pollutants from a controlled space and provide conditions to promote human comfort.

Types of heating systems:

- Direct Fired
- Furnaces, duct distribution
- Hydronic Baseboard
- Hydronic Fan-coil
- Hydronic Unit Heater
- Heat Pump
- Steam Radiator
- Unit Ventilator
- Variable Air Volume



Ventilation of an Assembly Space

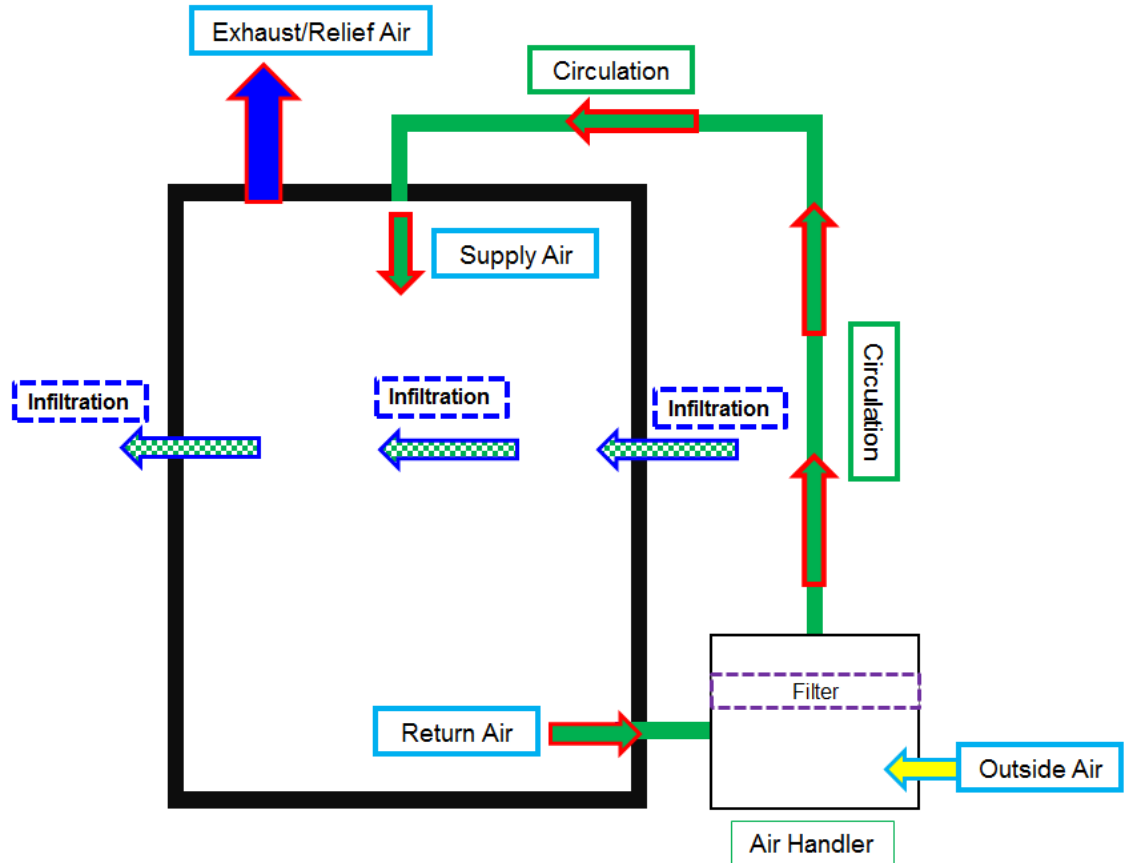
Circulation:

Rooms of Assembly require constant air circulation

Outside Air:

Activation of louvers, MUAU, or exhaust fan

Infiltration: Normally occurring air flow through walls/windows

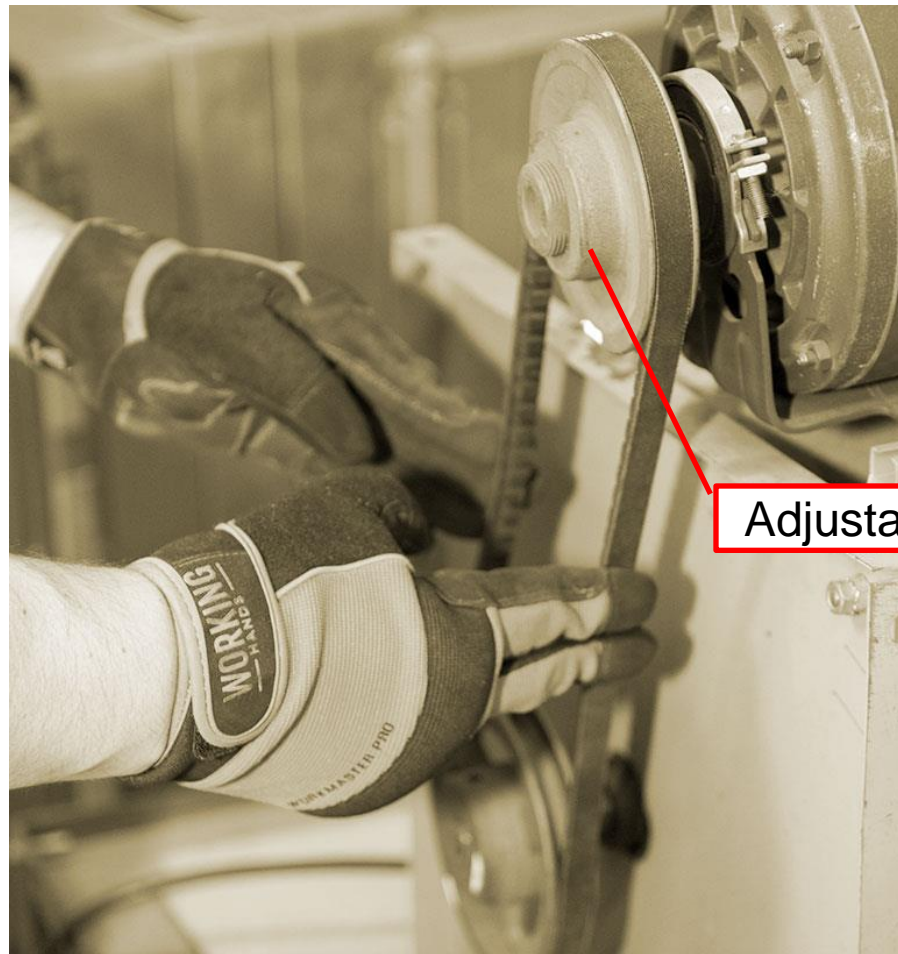


Air Balance Testing Equipment

Measures air velocity in ducts and building openings

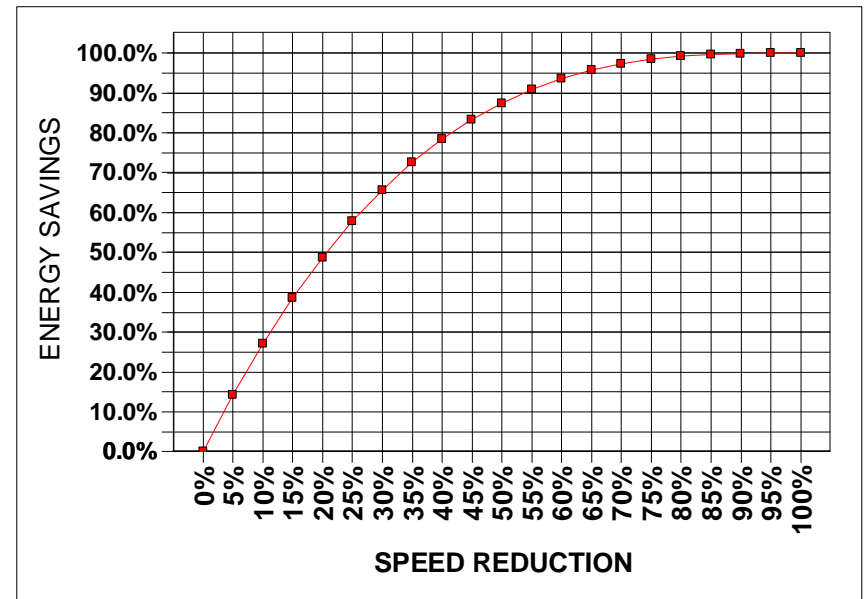


Typical Cog V-belt with Adjustable Motor Sheave



Adjustable Motor Sheave

Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) for control of blower/pump speeds



Mechanical Systems

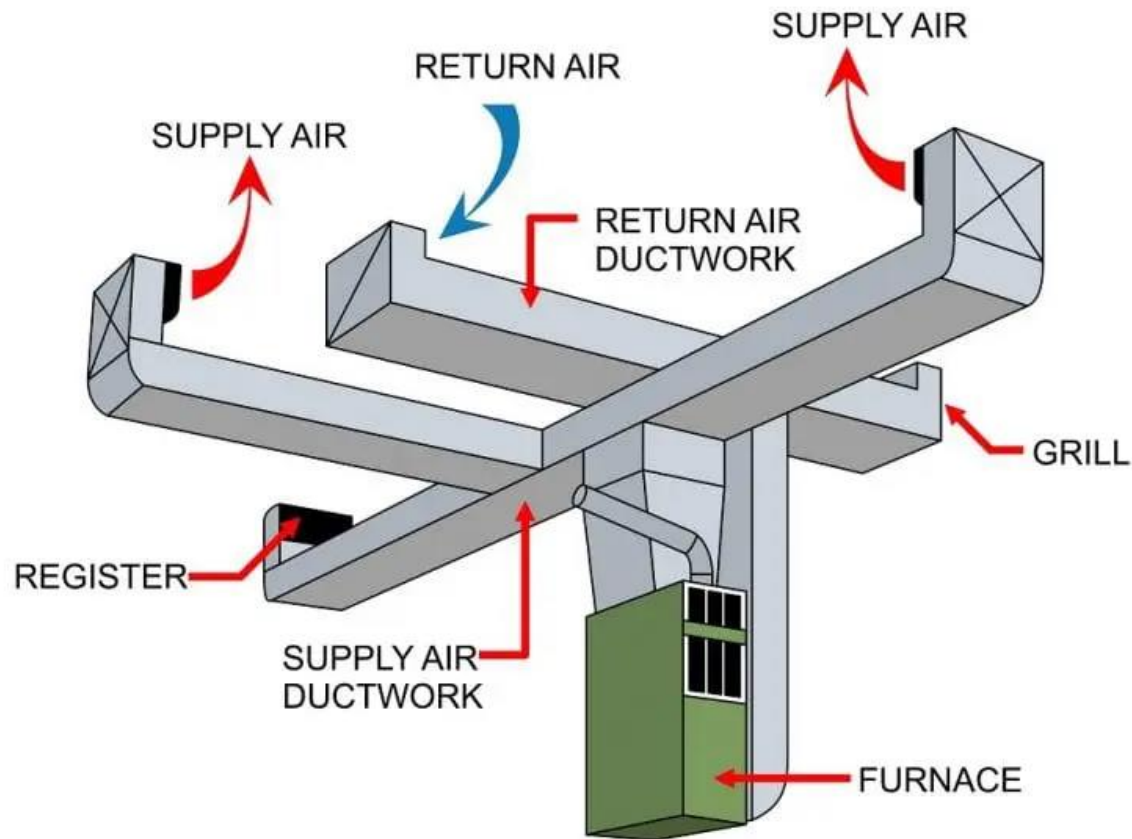
Hydronic System



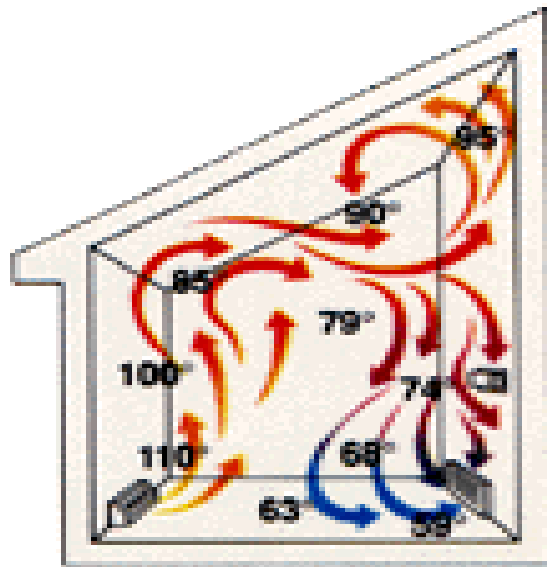
Rooftop Exhaust



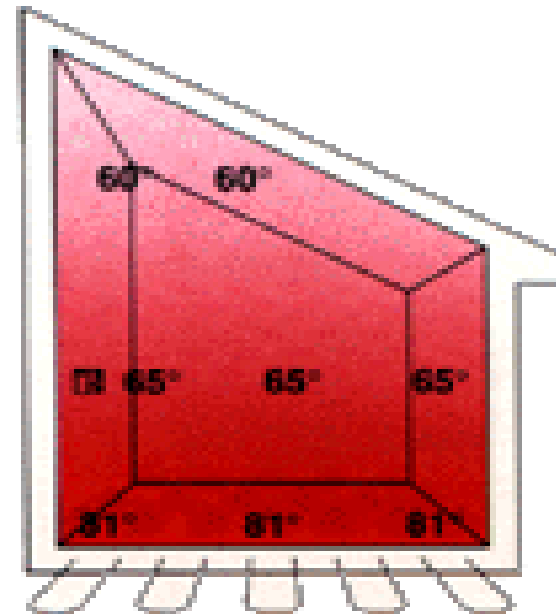
Typical Duct Distribution System



Hot Air v. Radiant/Baseboard

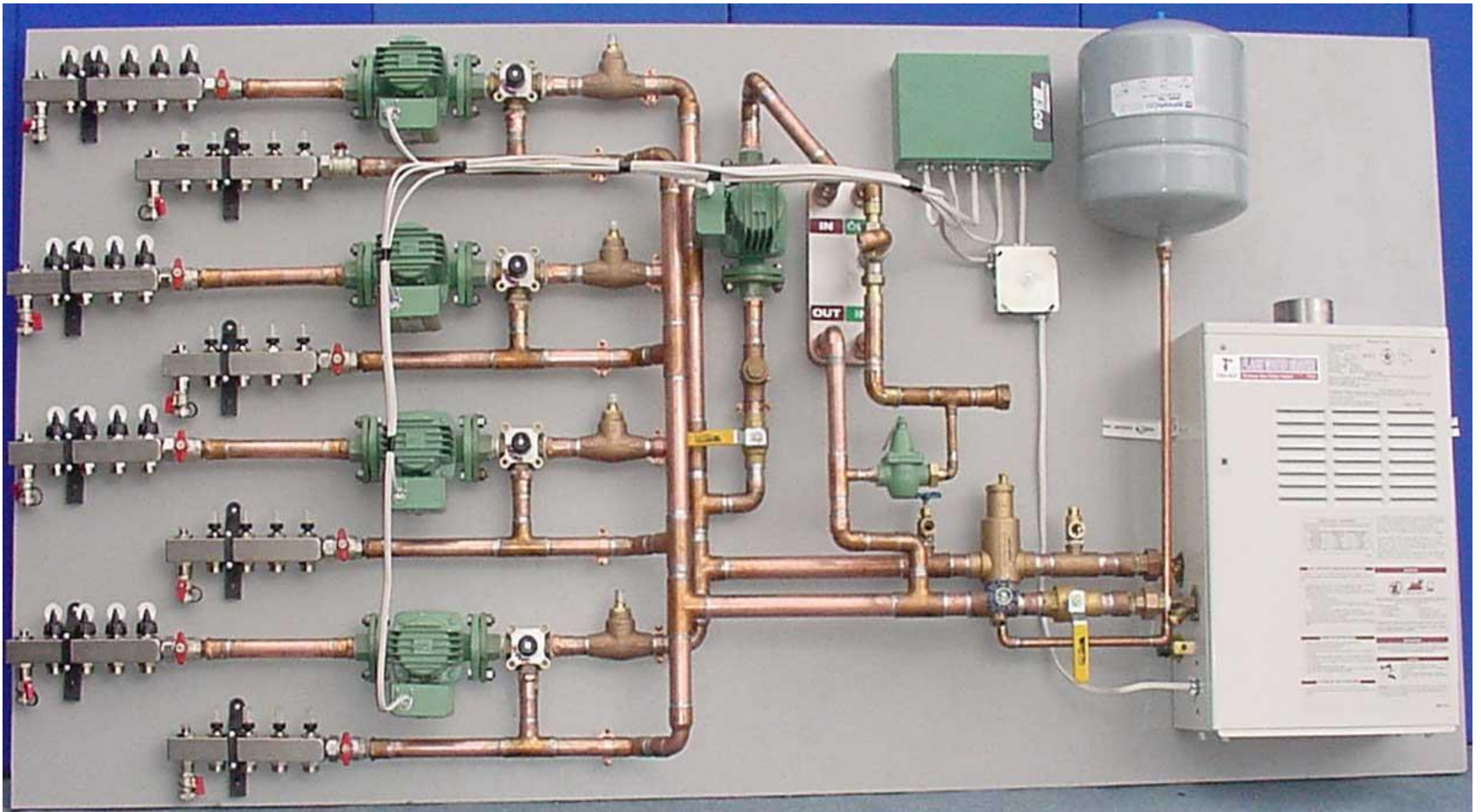


Forced Air

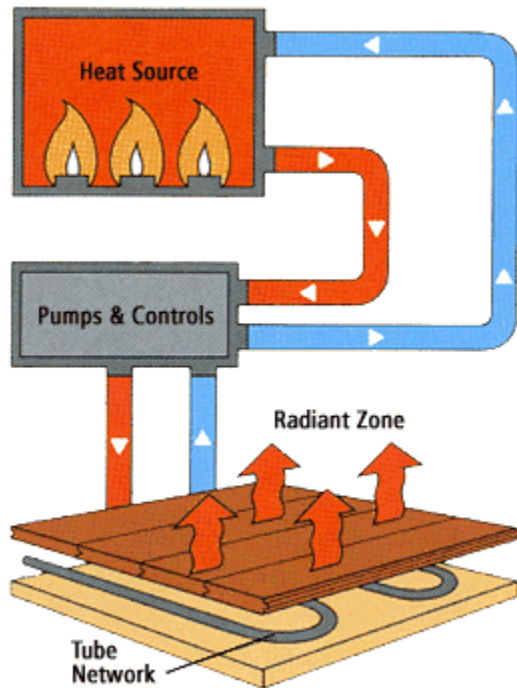


Radiant Floor

Hydronic Radiant System

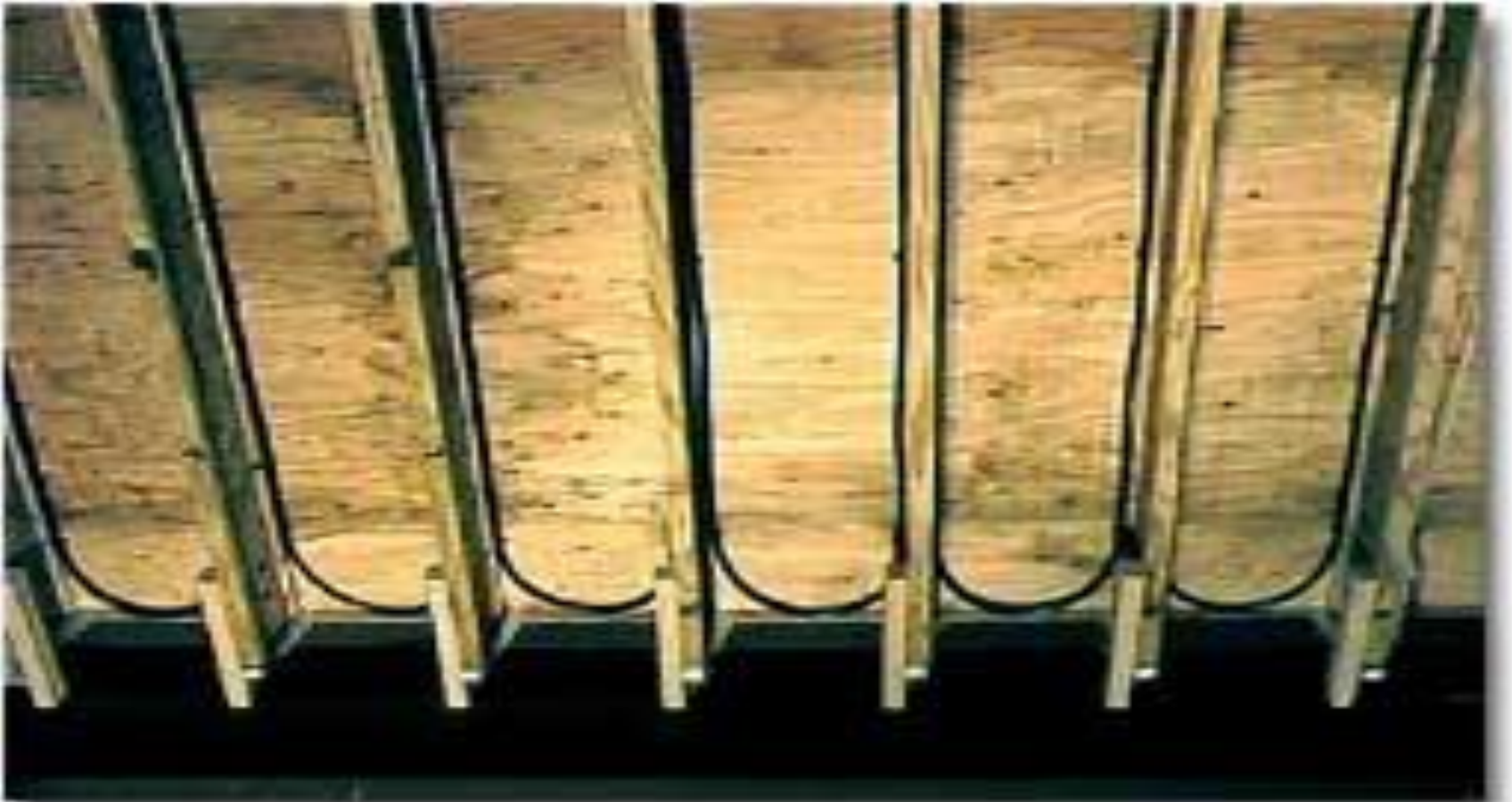


Radiant Heat

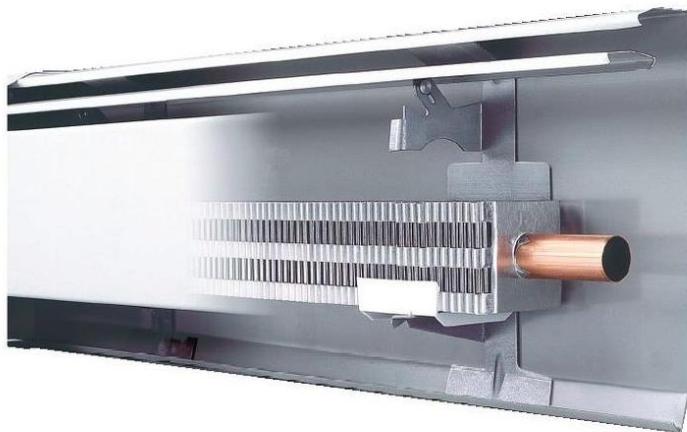


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Under Floor Heating



Hydronic Baseboard Heat



Assorted Unit Ventilators



Hydronic Boilers



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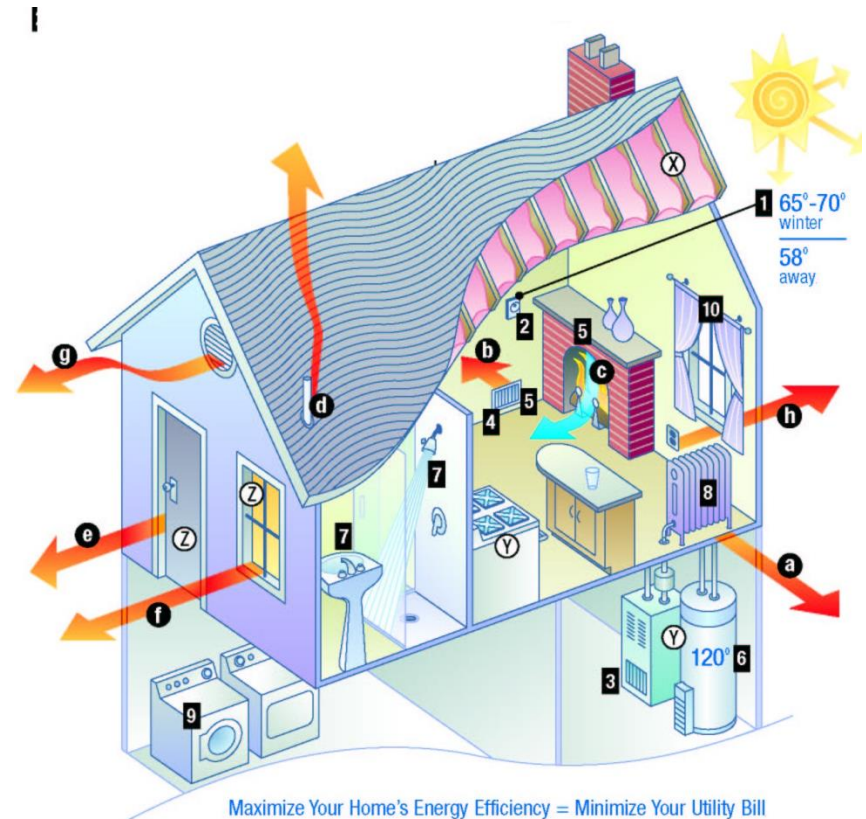
What is the Building Heating Load Are the Systems Sized Properly?

- $U=1/R$
- U has units of: [BTU/(hr-SF-°F)]

$$Q = U \times \text{Area} \times (T_{in} - T_{out}) \text{ (Btu/hr)}$$

$$Q_{envel} = \Sigma(U \times A)_{overall} \times (\Delta T)$$

(Btu/hr)

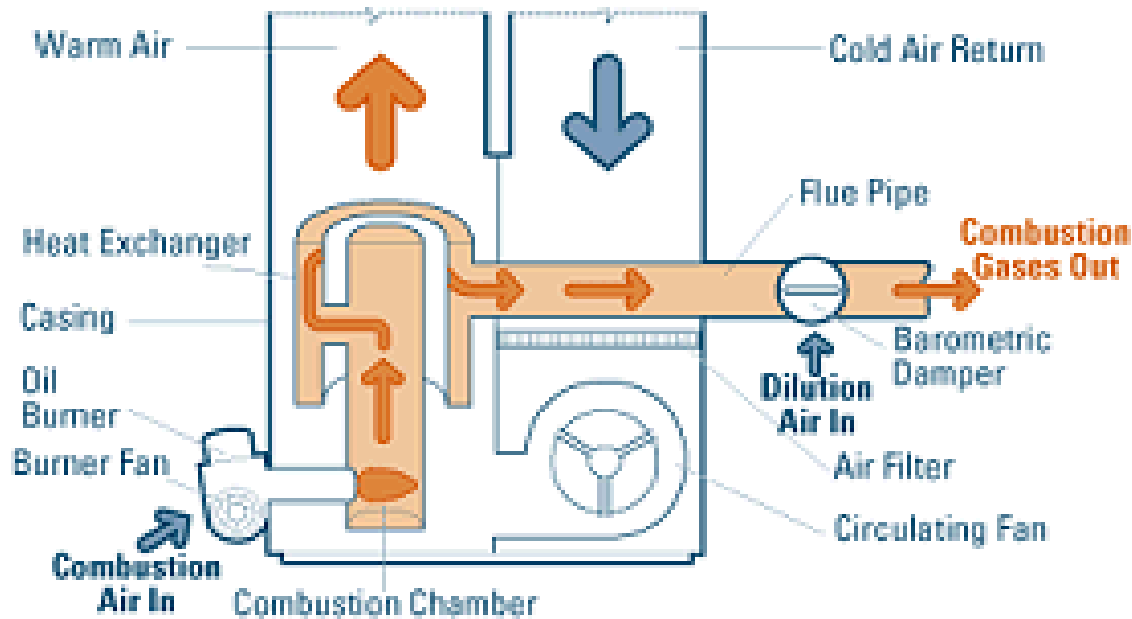


Traditional Boiler Room



Power Burner

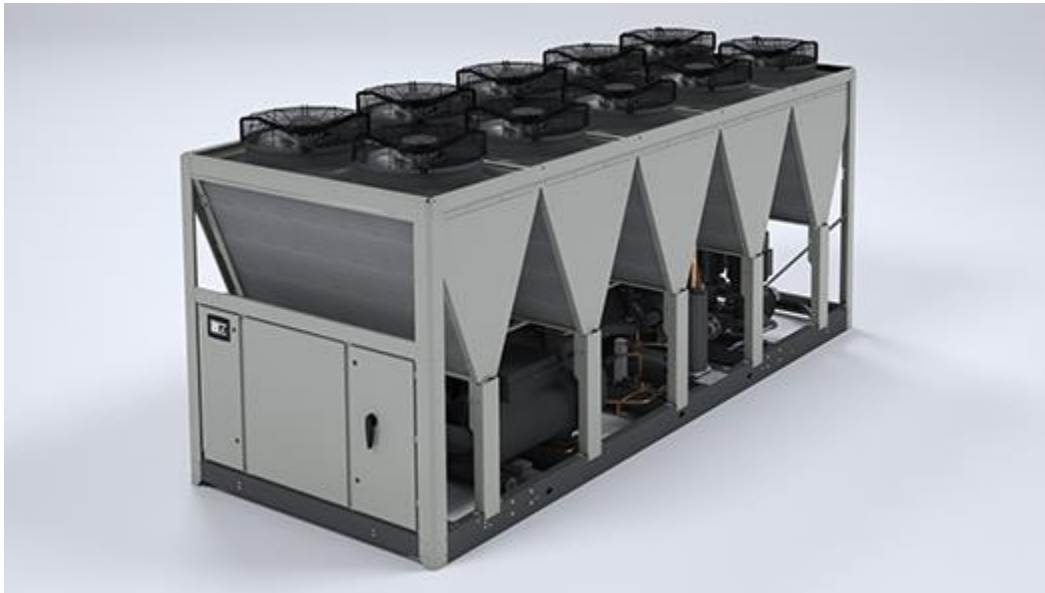
Typical Oil-Fired Hot Air Furnace



Hydronic Coils



Air-Cooled Chiller



What is your Equipment Efficiency?

- Efficiency = Useful energy/Total energy
- Boilers:
 - AFUE
 - Combustion Efficiency
- Chillers:
 - COP
 - EER, SEER
 - $EER = COP \times 3.412$

HVAC Maintenance, Commissioning

ASHRAE 180-2018

- HVAC Mechanical systems should be recommissioned at least once each year.
- Hydronic fan-coil systems that circulate boiler water must be protected with anti-freeze to prevent freezing in cold weather climates.



ANSI/ASHRAE/ACCA Standard 180-2018
(Supersedes ANSI/ASHRAE/ACCA Standard 180-2012)

Standard Practice for Inspection and Maintenance of Commercial Building HVAC Systems

Approved by ASHRAE on June 11, 2018; by the Air Conditioning Contractors of America on May 13, 2018; and by the American National Standards Institute on June 11, 2018.

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Ventilation Requirements

Fresh Air Requirements

- ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2004
(Indoor Air Quality)

Previous: **6** CFM /person

Present: **20** CFM/Person (New CDC Requirement)

Infiltration ~ Air Changes

- ACH ~ Air Changes per Hour
- ACH= f (Envelope, Wind Velocity, Temp Gradient, Building Height)
- Tight: 0.25 ACH
- Average: 0.50 ACH
- High leakage : ≥ 1.0 ACH



CDC:

“Ensure that ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible by opening windows and doors, using fans, etc.”



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CDC – June 2, 2021

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/ventilation.html>

"One potential target benchmark for good ventilation is CO₂ readings below 800 ppm."

- ***800 ppm = 20 cfm/person of fresh air (@ MET 1)***

❖ ASHRAE standard of only 7 cfm/person is not adequate.

-Maximize existing O.A. capacity

3x 7 cfm/person O.A ventilation; 33% occupancy

Basis of Proposed Ventilation Rates

- a) At 33% occupancy, outdoor air flowrates can be increased to provide more fresh air per person. If systems were designed for 7 cfm per person, the systems should be able to provide approximately three-times the outdoor air at 33% occupancy
- b) Determine maximum COVID Occupancy
- c) Determine maximum cooling capacity
- d) Determine maximum heating capacity
- e) If system meets energy capacity requirements, set outside air flowrates based on the following criteria:

Recommended Ventilation Rates

Air circulation:

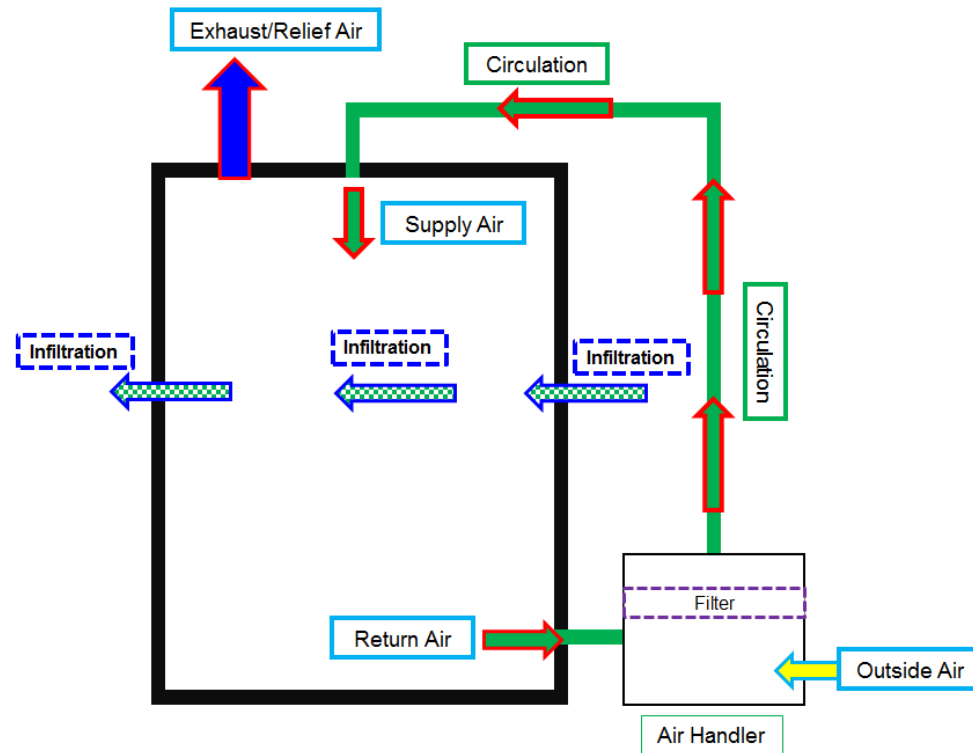
0.75 cfm per sf (1 ton/500 sf)

+ 25 cfm/person

Air circulation to be enabled **2** hours before event and **2** hours after event.

Exhaust or Outside Air:

20 cfm/person and as maintained by a carbon dioxide controller.



Carbon Dioxide Monitor/Controller

CO₂ Monitor



CO₂ Controller



OLDER HVAC v MODERN HVAC

COVID HVAC PREPARATION

COVID Preparation for Older Building HVAC

[No central HVAC duct distribution]



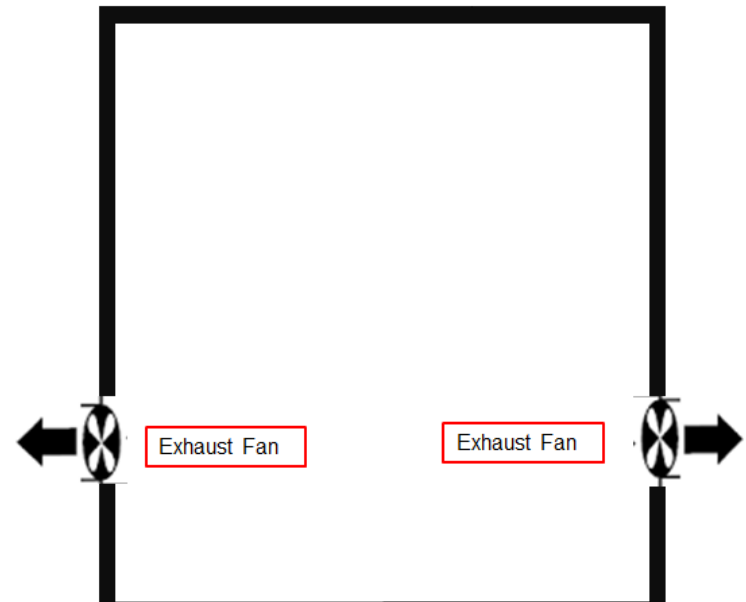
- Open Doors and Windows
- Utilize carbon dioxide monitors
- Window fans
- Ceiling fans
- Use of HEPA filters

Older Building Steam Radiator Systems



Typical Window Fan

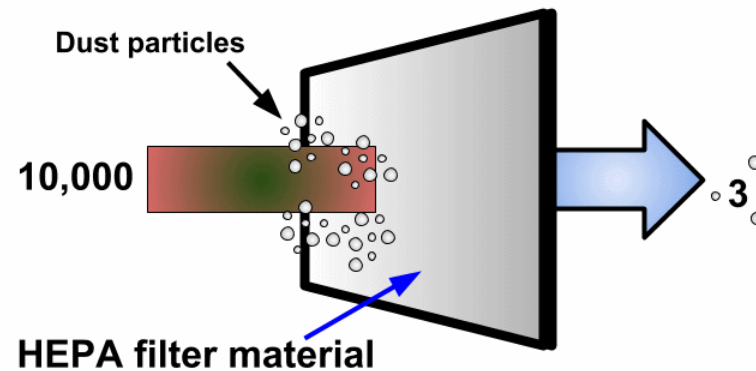
400 cfm, 20 persons/fan
Exhaust air out of space



Free-standing HEPA Filters



HEPA Filter Operation - 99.97% Effective



Carbon Dioxide Monitor/Controller

CO₂ Monitor



CO₂ Controller



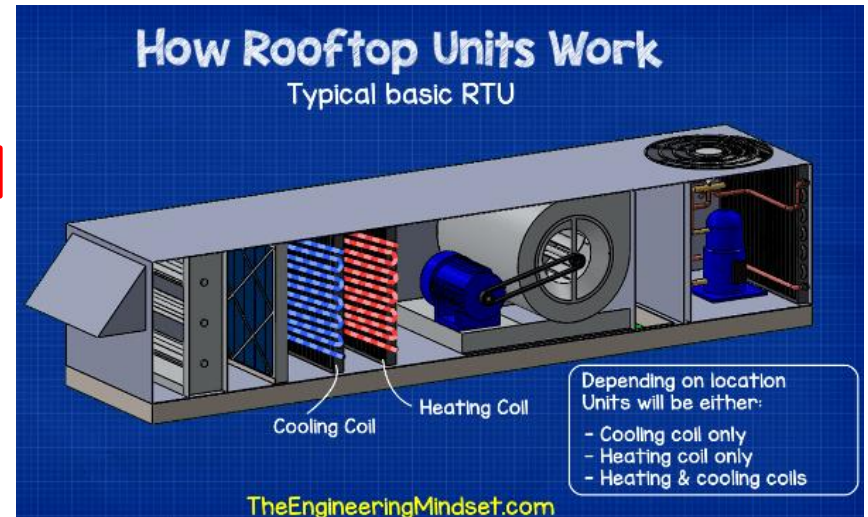
COVID Preparation for Modern Building HVAC

- Carbon dioxide controller
- Carbon dioxide monitor
- Exhaust fans
- Outside air louvers
- Ceiling fans
- Energy Recovery
- MERV-13 Filters



Modern HVAC Components

Typical Heating/Cooling RTU



Duct System Components

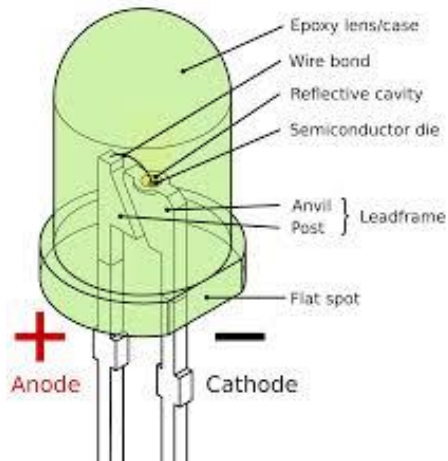
- Duct system Designs:
 - Single blower: supply, return, filter
 - Dual Duct: supply blower: outside air intake
 - Return blower: exhaust air discharge
- Variable Air Volume
- Components
 - Dampers
 - Grilles
 - Heat exchange surface
 - Ductwork
 - Control system



Lighting

Light Emitting Diode

The Nobel Prize in Physics for 2014

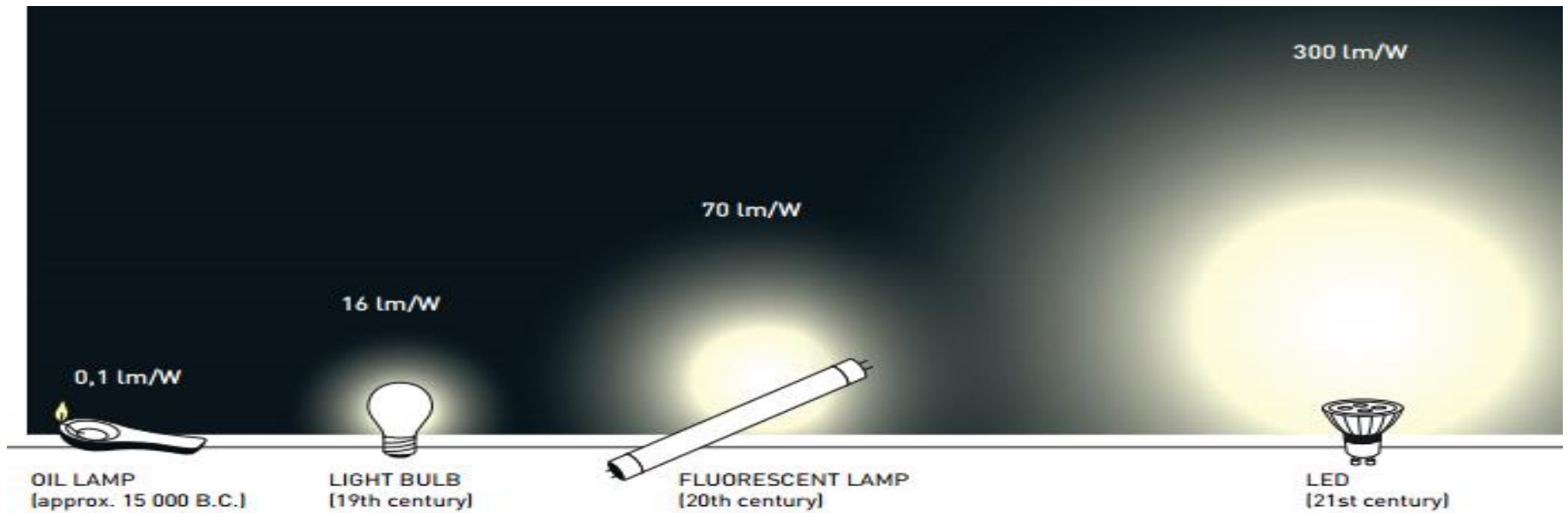


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LED Lighting

The Nobel Prize in Physics for 2014

- **Isamu Akasaki**
Meijo University, Nagoya, Japan and Nagoya University, Japan
- **Hiroshi Amano**
Nagoya University, Japan
- **Shuji Nakamura**
University of California, Santa Barbara, CA, USA
- *“For the invention of efficient blue light-emitting diodes which has enabled bright and energy-saving white light sources”*





Compact Fluorescent Lamps

[Now Obsolete]



Lighting Occupancy Sensors

- Passive infrared (PIR) sensors react to the infrared heat energy emitted by people.
- **Ultrasonic** occupant sensors activate a quartz crystal that emits ultrasonic waves then senses the frequency of the reflected waves. Motion causes the reflected wave's frequency to shift (Doppler effect).
- Audible noise detectors
- Direct influence: foot pad, lever, or light beam.



Typical Exit Sign Upgrades

- LED lamp retrofits
- Electroluminescent panels
- New LED emergency/exit signs



Color Rendering Index



- Left to Right: Warm – Neutral – Cool
- Incandescent/Halogen: CRI ~ 100
- Fluorescent: CRI ~ 50-90

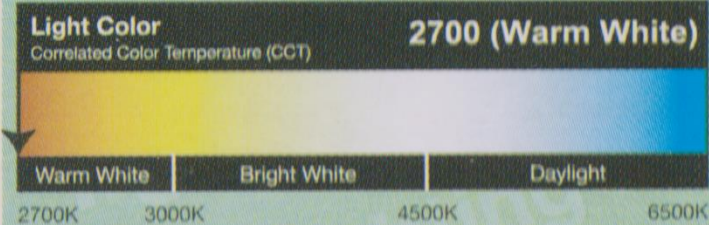
AmbientLED A19 Bulb 2700K

lighting facts^{CM}

A Program of the U.S. DOE

| | |
|----------------------------|------|
| Light Output (Lumens) | 800 |
| Watts | 12.5 |
| Lumens per Watt (Efficacy) | 64 |

| | |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Color Accuracy | 80 |
| Color Rendering Index (CRI) | |



All results are according to IESNA LM-79-2008: *Approved Method for the Electrical and Photometric Testing of Solid-State Lighting*. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) verifies product test data and results.

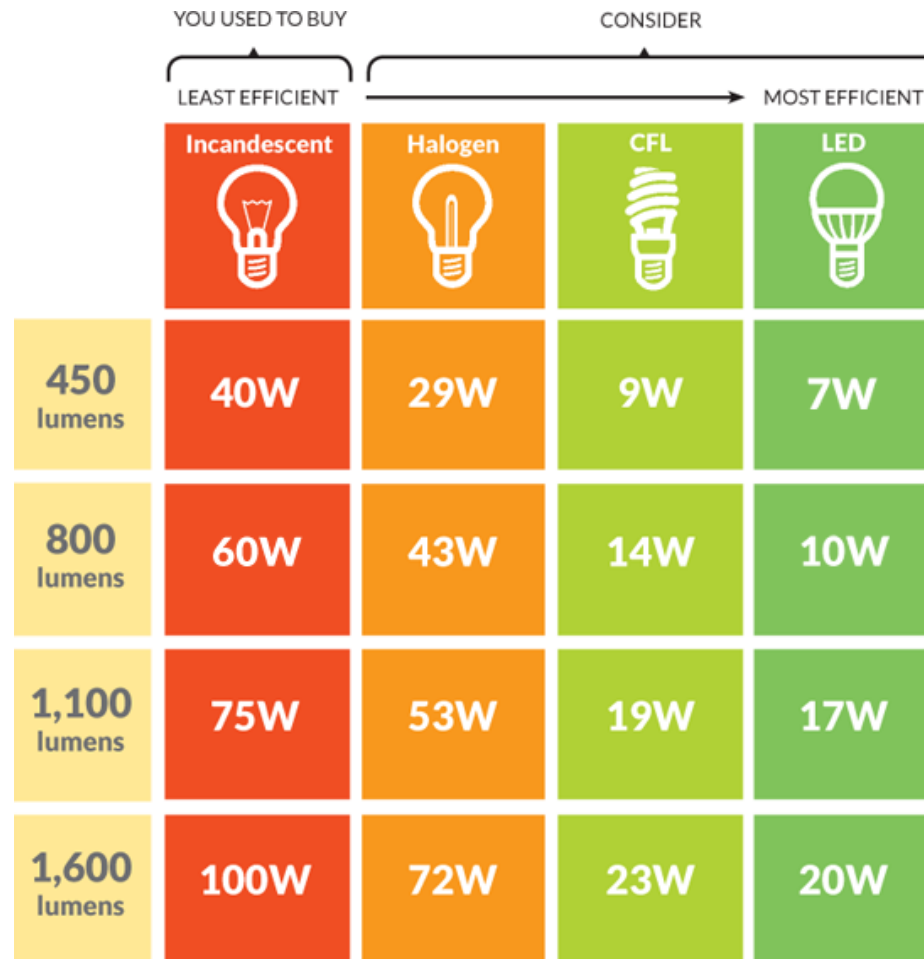
Visit www.lightingfacts.com for the *Label Reference Guide*.

Registration Number: ZC23-5RLZ31

Model Number: 12E26A60

Type: Replacement lamp - Omnidirectional (A Lamp)

Power and Performance Comparison



Lighting Audit Form

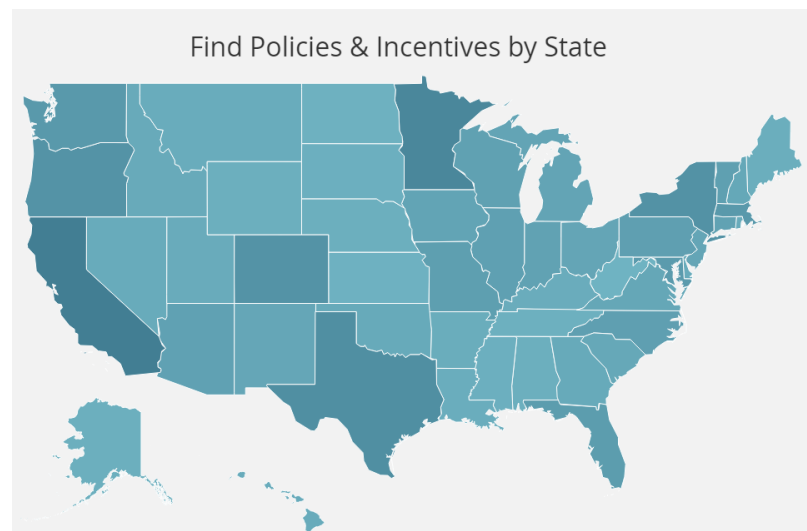
SAVING ENERGY IN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS | Energy Audit Data Collection Form

More information about identifying bulb types is available in the accompanying guidelines documents.

| Lighting | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|-----------|--------------|---------|-----------------------|---|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Floor Name or Number | Location Description (near window, internal office, hallway, etc.) | Lamp Type | Ballast Type | Wattage | Total Number of Lamps | Number of hours lights are left on each day | Total kWh per Day | How are lights controlled? |
| | | | | | | | | |
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Renewable Energy

<https://www.dsireusa.org/>



Primary Ownership v. 3rd Party

THE PROS & CONS

| PRIMARY OWNERSHIP | THIRD-PARTY OWNERSHIP |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Take Full Advantage of Electricity Savings+ Property Value Increases+ SREC Income | <ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Little to No Upfront Cost+ Reduced Electricity Rate+ Not Responsible for Maintenance |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Substantial Upfront Investment- Responsible for Maintenance- May Need to Increase Property Insurance | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- No SREC Income- Contractually Bound- No Added Property Value- Difficulty Selling Your Property |

 **Paradise Energy Solutions**
Your Solar Energy Professionals

Roof v. Ground Mount Solar [Advantages and Disadvantages]



Top Conservation Recommendations

#1

Tune Up Burner/Service Boiler



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#2

Weatherize Your Building



#3

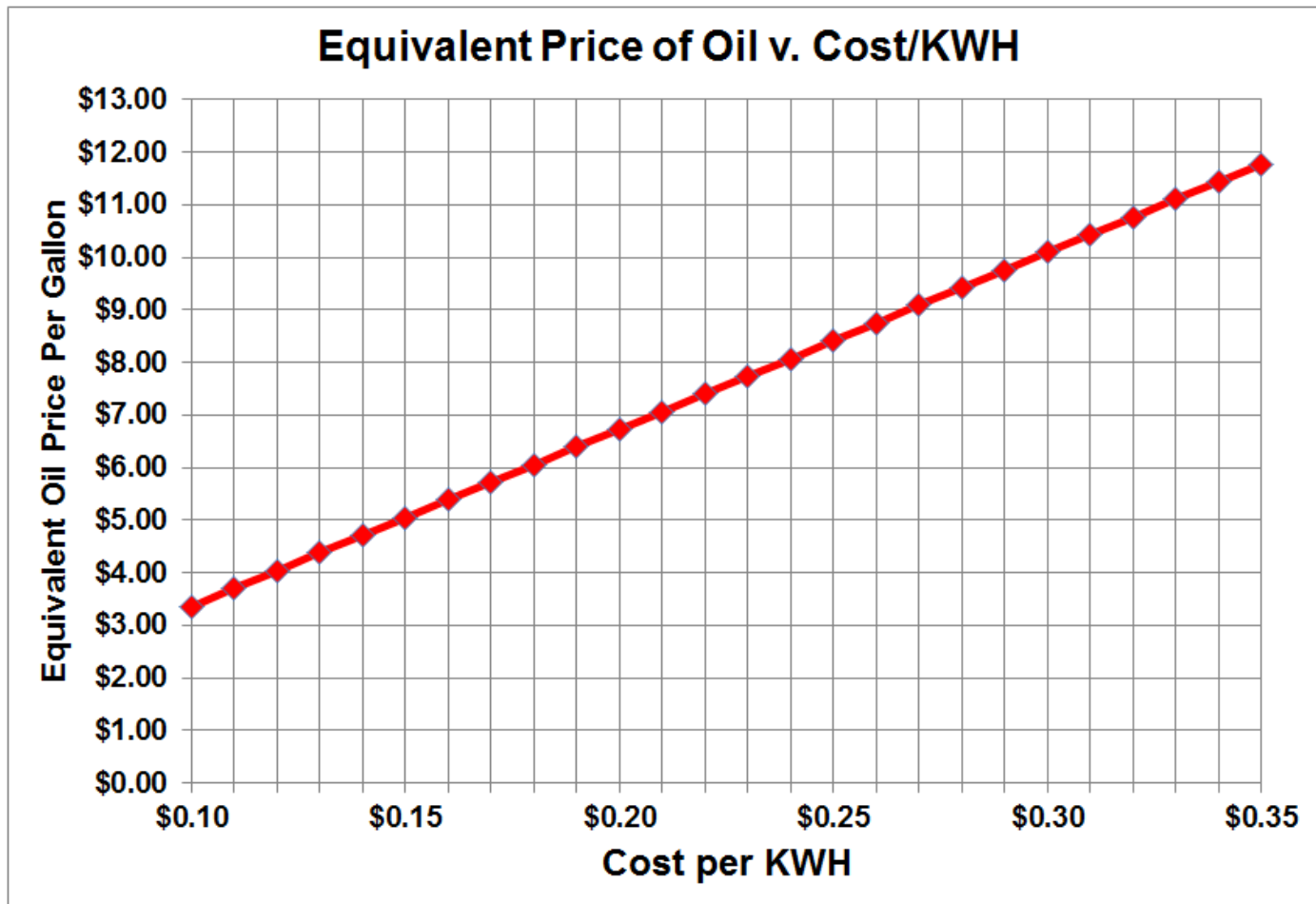
Install Energy Management Controls



- Set-back Temperatures
- Multiple Building Sensors
- Electronic Temperature Control
- Outdoor Sensor
- Install Zone Valves

#4

Convert Away From Electric Heat



Total Appliance Load: 60 kW
Convert to gas: \$23,000 savings/yr
2 year R.O.I.



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#5

Monitor Boilers

- ~Install water meter on make-up
- ~Install oil meter or hour meter on burner(s)
- What is your combustion efficiency?
- What is your steam leakage rate?
- What is your steam/fuel ratio?

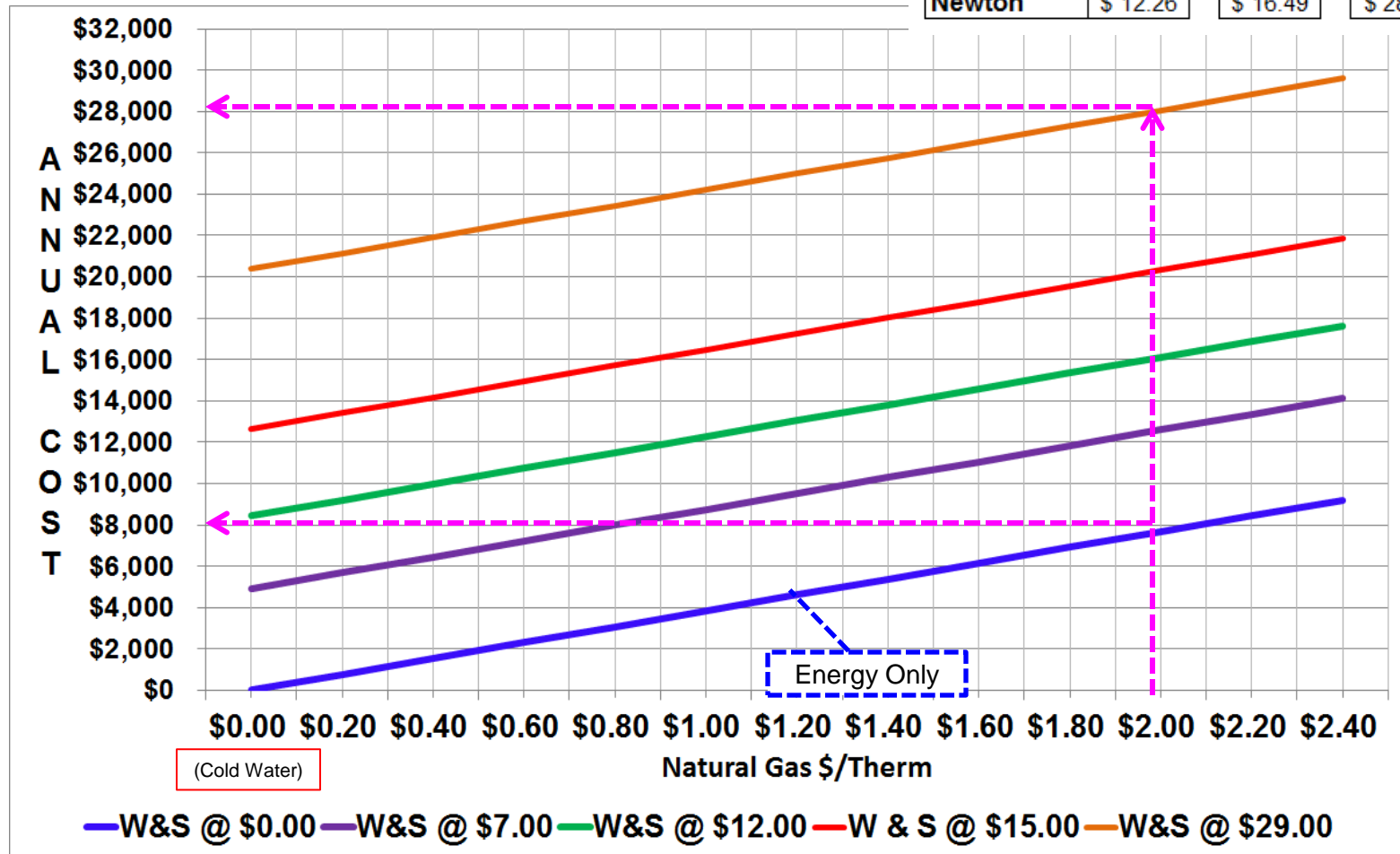
#6

Reduce Water Use

- **Plug leaks!**
- Install pressure regulators to reduce building pressure
- Install aerators
- Install low flow toilets

Water Leak @ 1 gpm

| | Water (\$/ccf) | Sewer (\$/ccf) | Total (\$/ccf) |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Lawrence | \$ 3.10 | \$ 3.35 | \$ 6.45 |
| Springfield | \$ 2.14 | \$ 7.47 | \$ 9.61 |
| Worcester | \$ 3.67 | \$ 8.48 | \$ 12.15 |
| Boston | \$ 7.40 | \$ 10.06 | \$ 17.46 |
| Newton | \$ 12.26 | \$ 16.49 | \$ 28.75 |



Conserve drinking water for irrigation.
Consider well water.



#7

Shut off commercial refrigeration equipment when not in use; use residential units.

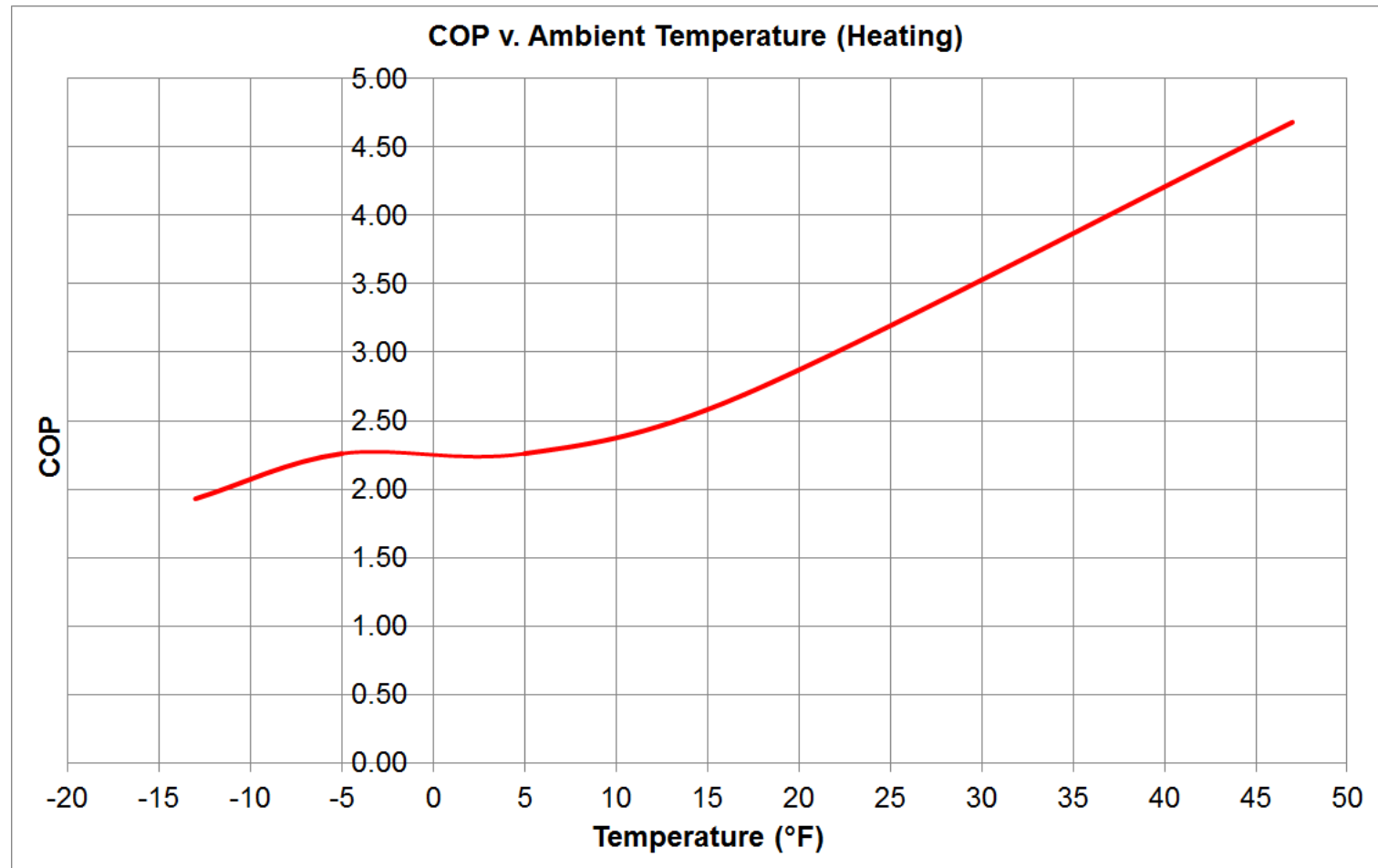


House of Worship Utility Cost
Reduction

#8 Supplement Heating/Cooling with Ductless Heat Pumps (Wall, Floor, Ceiling mounted)



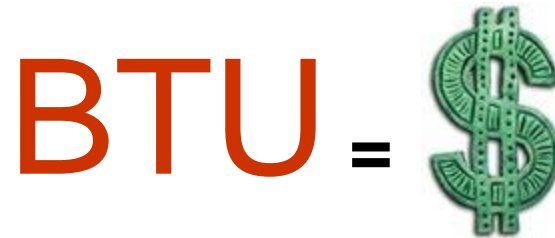
Heat Pump COP



#9

Apply for Utility Rebates

- VFDs;
- Heat Pump Rebates
- Weatherization
- LED Lighting & Controls
- Custom Measures





- www.masssave.com/rebates
- www.masssaveapplicationportal.com/resource/1642551439000/BusinessIncentives
- Pays for **70%** of project costs.
- Pays for **\$2,500** per ton for heat pumps.

Questions

