

# Preliminary Climate Action Plan measures for the Town and Village of Ossining

## Potential Ossining Measures - Energy Sector

### Commercial Energy Efficiency

#### **Defined as:**

*Techniques and best practices designed to decrease electricity demand and heating fuel usage by commercial properties with the objective of reducing the business's greenhouse gas footprint. This includes usage of energy-efficient appliances, fixtures, and other electricity-using devices as well as measures to reduce heating energy losses to the outdoors.*

#### **List of Measures:**

- Utilize energy efficiency as one of the criteria for the Ossining Green Business Program and include energy efficiency tips and practices within the Ossining Green Business Guide.
- Encourage local businesses to participate in utility programs that allow the user to monitor their energy use
- Educate business owners on availability of commercial energy usage reduction incentive programs
- Launch community awareness campaign to promote use of energy-saving features such as programmable thermostats, Energy Star lighting fixtures, and similar devices.

#### **Links to further information:**

- [Westchester.gov – Energy Efficiency Tips for Businesses](https://www.westchester.gov/energy-efficiency-tips-for-businesses)
- [US EPA – Small Business Energy Efficiency Tips](https://www.epa.gov/small-business-energy-efficiency-tips)
- [NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation – Save Energy & Water](https://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/13547.htm)
- [Con Edison – Energy Efficiency Programs for Homes](https://www.conedison.com/energy-efficiency-programs-for-homes)

## Household Energy Efficiency

### **Defined as:**

*Techniques and best practices designed to decrease electricity demand and heating fuel usage by residential properties with the objective of reducing the home's greenhouse gas footprint. This includes usage of energy-efficient appliances, fixtures, and other electricity-using devices as well as measures to reduce heating energy losses to the outdoors.*

### **List of Measures:**

- Develop an online household energy survey integrated into the “Did You Know?” Household Environmental Practices Campaign and use survey results to encourage behavior changes to reduce household carbon footprint
- Integrate energy efficiency into the “Greenest House in Ossining” campaign, in which participating households would submit information on the energy usage of their household as one of the criteria on which they would be judged
- Add additional online resources to Town, Village, and Green Ossining website to make residents aware of various home energy efficiency grant programs and home weatherization programs and to connect residents to free/low cost energy audit providers
- Partner with Con Ed, NYPA, or other organization to put on local workshops on home energy efficiency, focusing on various options for upgrading electrical devices around the home, best practices in energy usage, and various programs run by the energy utilities to reduce home energy usage
- Create home energy efficiency public education materials specifically targeting apartment dwellers and make available to residential landlords, realty offices, and online

### **Links to further information:**

- [US EPA – At Home – What You Can Do](#)
- [Westchester County – Quick Tips for Consumers](#)
- [NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation – Save Energy & Water](#)
- [Con Edison – Energy Efficiency Programs for Businesses](#)