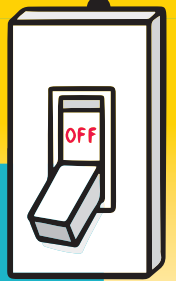


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## IT hacks to help cut your energy bill

**With energy bills rising at an alarming rate, it's not just households feeling the pinch. Businesses too are being squeezed, and in many ways it's harder to cut down on the energy we use at work.**

But there are a few little IT hacks that can help save money each month. Some things you'll already have considered – like cutting down on your printing, which not only saves energy, but also reduces ink and paper.

There's always more you can do.

Since the rise in hybrid working, many of us have switched from desktop computers to laptops. That's great because they already use a lot less energy, but when employees leave the office at the end of the day, they often don't turn their machine off. If you're on an expensive tariff, that could be costing as much as £35 per year for every workstation. So encourage your people to power off computers every evening rather than leave them on standby.

You should also pay attention to other electronics in the office. Turn off your

printers, switch off chargers, and unplug any big screens you may have around the office. Even an unused phone or TV costs a little to keep it on standby overnight.

There are some tweaks you can make for daytime savings too. Reduce the brightness of monitors and use energy efficient lighting. We can advise on Wi-Fi-enabled systems that allow you to switch lights on and off remotely, and even to control power outlets via Wi-Fi. At the very least, we should all encourage staff to turn off lights and devices when they're not in use.

It's worth your while to take a look around the office to check that radiators or heaters aren't being blocked by furniture, that window seals are intact, and that you're only heating or cooling to the temperature you need – even a single degree of overheating can have a big impact on your energy bills. That's also something that many workplaces are monitoring remotely.

**So if you'd like any help checking that your workplace tech isn't costing you more than it should, just get in touch.**

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And while Google's Chrome is the most popular browser for desktop, Apple's Safari comes out most popular on smartphones.

