

Valparaiso University Energy and Temperature Policy

Purpose

Valparaiso University Energy and Temperature Policy was developed to provide a framework to assist building managers and occupants in reducing energy cost and greenhouse gas emissions. Valparaiso University is committed to energy efficiency and energy conservation. This Energy and Temperature Policy will outline the campus wide initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase awareness of energy use and ways to save money. With the help of campus-wide participation, we can create a healthy and productive work environment by implementing the Energy and Temperature polices.

Policy

Valparaiso University policy is to reduce energy consumption and energy- related greenhouse gas emissions on campus through technical and control strategies and everyday conservation efforts from students, faculty, and staff.

Guidelines

I. Heating and cooling

Heating and Cooling guidelines are based on established standards for human comfort, productivity and safety. Occupants are encourage to adapt to building conditions through modifications of air flow, sunlight, apparel choices, among other comfort factors. Special heating and cooling recommendations for spaces can be applied for through Facilities Management.

	Occupied	Unoccupied
Winter	69 – 71 °F	64 °F Min
Summer	74 – 76 °F	83 °F Max

Building Type	Hours of Occupancy
Office	7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon – Fri all year
Residential	24 hours/day
Classroom	8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mon – Fri academic year
Union / Library	24 hours/day all year
Gym (ARC & fitness center)	6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mon – Fri academic year 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sat & Sun academic year Closed during breaks and holidays
Teaching laboratories	8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon – Fri academic year
Research laboratories	24 hours/day academic year (mostly 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

Computers Standards

Please Contact Facilities Management for more information at 219-464-5132

Computers, monitors, printers, copiers, and other electronic equipment should be turned off during all unoccupied hours.

Computers should be set to energy saving mode during occupied hours.

Computer labs should have only those computers and equipment being used turned on, all others should be turned off.

Lighting Standards

Occupancy sensors in bathrooms, labs, and lounges

LEDS when possible

Daylight sensor in classrooms and offices

Restricted Equipment Standards

Space heaters unless medically necessary

Incandescent and halogen lighting equipment

Lava Lamps

Candle Burners