

Energy Audits Offer Competitive Edge Rural Businesses Benefit from USDA Program



- > *Looking for ways to cut 10% or more from your energy bills?*
- > *Seeking understanding how to better manage utilities?*
- > *Interested in input from an experienced energy advisor?*

Small businesses, from convenience stores to machine shops, can discover ways to reduce their electric bills with a USDA - sponsored energy audit. Waste Reduction Partners' team of energy professionals can help you achieve significant energy cost savings, often by implementing no-cost/low-cost energy saving recommendations.

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What is an energy audit?

An energy audit provides a financial analysis of techniques that a business can employ to reduce their energy bills and become more efficient.

How does this help my business?

WRP engineers typically identify no- and low-cost energy efficiency measures that can save 10 to 20 percent of a business's total energy bill. "We found that the energy assessments were extremely beneficial," states Jim Clarke, V.P. of Manual Woodworkers and Weavers in Spindale, N.C. The energy audits are conducted by Waste Reduction Partners; a unique statewide technical team of highly experienced engineers.

What does an audit cost?

The audit is provided at no-cost to qualifying rural small businesses with support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and co-sponsorship from the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

How do I request an audit?

For more information, contact Russ Jordan via e-mail at rjordan@wrpnc.org, phone (828) 251-7477, or go to wastereductionpartners.org

Featured Project Banner Greenhouses

Banner Greenhouses of Nebo, NC received a grant from USDA's Rural Energy For America Program (REAP), for energy efficiency upgrades. The grant provides for 25% of the project costs, which amounts to \$16,840.

Waste Reduction Partners provided the energy audit used in the grant application. Total annual energy cost savings for this project is \$34,976. Net project costs (Total cost – USDA grant) of \$49,347 results in a 1.4 year payback.

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