

# Personal care services energy usage/tips

Types of businesses in this category include tanning salons, tattoo parlors, saunas, steam baths, ear piercing services, hair removal and weaving salons.



## Energy use at a glance

The best places to save, while keeping it comfortable for your customers, would be lighting and cooling.

## Tips and strategies to help save

- 54-watt T5 fluorescent lamps work well for high-bay applications, while 27-watt T5s work well for most other uses.
- Consider installing motion-activated occupancy sensors in areas that aren't used by clients or employees; such as bathroom and utility closets.
- Install reflective window film to reduce solar heat gain and help keep cooling costs down. Newer window films are not as dark or iridescent-looking as older window films, so building occupants can see outside on most days.
- Use washing machines during off-peak hours, when electricity prices are the lowest. Buy enough towels for use during business hours so laundry can be done at night. Use front-loading washing machines with high-speed spin cycles to save water and energy used for drying.
- Gas dryers and natural gas-fired heaters cost less to run than electric clothes dryer and water heaters.
- When buying new equipment that use alot of energy, such as hood hair dryers, consider wattage and performance.