

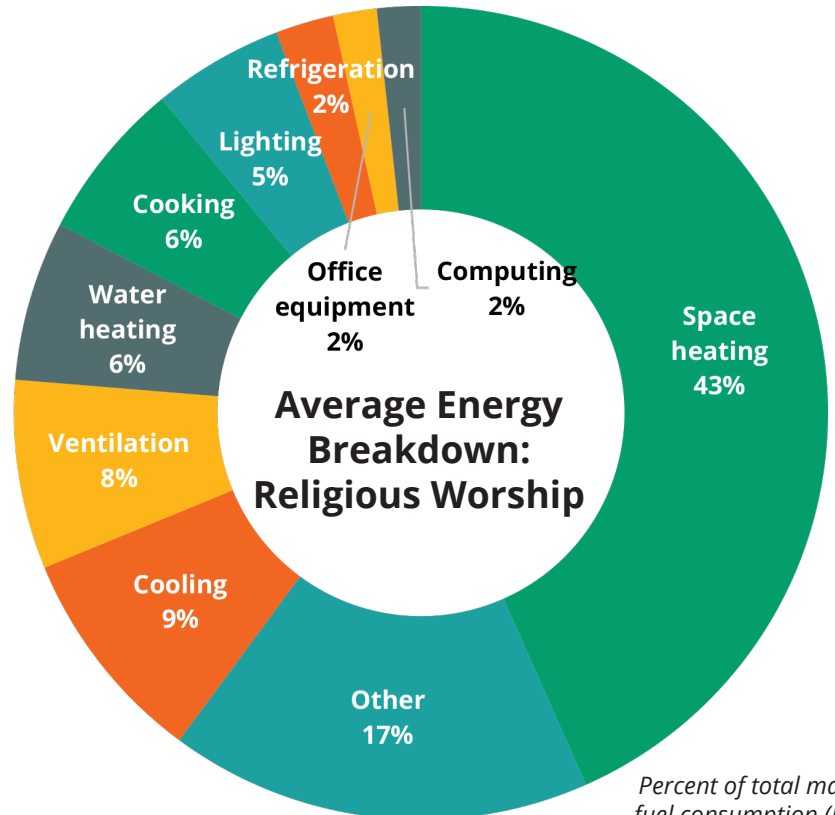
Energy Use Breakdown



Building Type: Religious Worship

Religious worship buildings are spaces where people gather for religious activities. Examples include chapels, churches, mosques, synagogues, and temples.

The chart on the right shows the average energy use for buildings used for religious worship. **Use the chart to understand your building's typical energy usage and find ways to conserve and save.** See the energy tips below for ideas on how to conserve in the largest use areas.



Percent of total major fuel consumption (Btu) by end use, 2012

SPACE HEATING

Commercial buildings are empty 25% of the year. Educate occupants on turning down the thermostat when leaving for the nights or when building is unoccupied. Open window coverings to warm the space with sunlight on sunny winter days.



COOLING

Electricity rates go up in the summer, so high air conditioning use can be very costly. Make sure to turn up the A/C when the building is unoccupied. Ensure vents are unobstructed and close off vents in unused areas.



VENTILATION

Good ventilation is critical for creating good indoor air quality at your organization. Keep your HVAC working well by getting regular tune-ups, changing filters and keeping your system free of dust.



WATER HEATING

Lower the temperature on your water heater to 120°F to avoid overheating water. Check for leaks and repair to reduce hot water loss. Add aerators to all faucets to lower water bills and water heating bills.

