

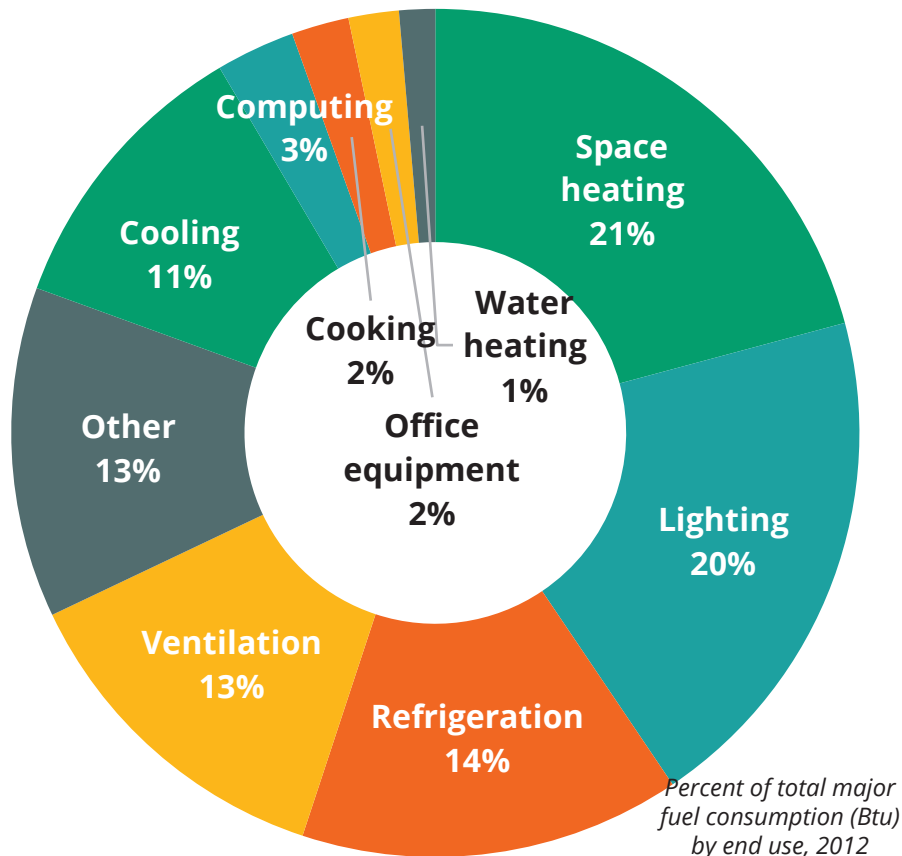
Energy Use Breakdown



Building Type: Retail

Retail buildings are spaces used for the sale and display of goods other than food. Examples include clothing stores, rental centers, dealerships, studio/galleries, etc.

The chart on the right shows the average energy use for buildings used for retail. **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.



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.



REFRIGERATION

Check door gaskets and auto-closers on units to make sure doors are sealing properly. Keep coils clean and dust-free to help with efficiency. Leave space around the system to ensure good air flow.



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.



LIGHTING

Encourage staff & volunteers to turn off lights when leaving empty rooms. Add light switch stickers as reminders to turn off lights. Use timers on outdoor lights or consider solar lighting to reduce your energy bill.

