

REDUCE YOUR USE

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Fingal County Council implemented the Reduce Your Use initiative to meet the challenges of winter period, and is currently expanding its ambitious energy targets with several new energy performance contracts, energy upgrade works and energy-saving initiatives. Fingal's dedicated Energy Team are continuously identifying, improving and optimising performance across all sites and engaging staff in cutting energy waste across the organisation through regular awareness and advice on how everybody can take part.

Collaborative energy meetings across all departments discussing awareness, reducing use and making energy saving a positive team effort, has been instrumental in Fingal making 19% savings in 2022 from the previous year, setting the council well on its way to achieve the 2030 goals.



19% energy savings
in 2022



20 buildings



Heating and lighting



- Turned off heating and utilities outside building operating hours.
- Set internal space heating temperature to 19 degrees C.
- Shut down heat in office buildings at least 1-2 hours before buildings close.
- Optimised water heating to save energy.



- Turned off display/feature lighting between 5 and 7 pm every day in most buildings.
- Reduced unnecessary use of lighting.

Control and scheduling



- Minimised the space occupied and heated.
- Operational control adjusted to hours of work and delivery of services.
- Electricity use reduced at peak times.
- Operational control and measurement process in all buildings.



Facilities assessments

- Energy usage surveys with optimisation measures.
- Energy Efficiency assessment/audit of some buildings.
- Introduction of an out-of-hours walk-through in most buildings.
- Operations and Maintenance Audit of most buildings.