

Computing Energy and Efficiency

Reducing costs is always a good thing.

Laptop Energy Consumption

If you use your Laptop as a desktop replacement; remove the battery. Most manufacturers build their computers with this ability. As long as the battery is in the computer it will pull some energy just as a cell phone charger draws amps when there is no phone attached. This will also help prolong battery life.

Printer Efficiency

Make use of the **Print in Draft Mode**. Configuring this varies by printer, typically selecting the *Properties* of the printer, then *Printing Preferences*, select Draft or Quick mode. In many cases this will be sufficient for the majority of your work and save on toner/ink.

Make use of Hibernation

Desktop

Do you leave your desk for long periods of time but shy away from turning it off and on every time because of the startup time?

Laptop/Notebook

Do you start your day in one place then reference your computer in different places throughout the day?

Hibernation will write the existing information to hard disk and then completely shut the computer down. Upon resuming you will be returned exactly where you left with no battery/electrical drain or overheating (laptop in case) concerns. Opening the lid or a slight push of the power button will get you going again.

Start | Control Panel | Power Options

Hibernate tab – enable hibernation

Advanced tab – When I close the lid on my computer – elect hibernate.

Power Scheme – Desktop/Workstation – set an appropriate hibernate time for you.