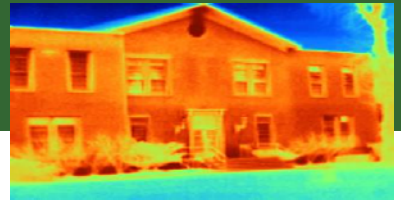




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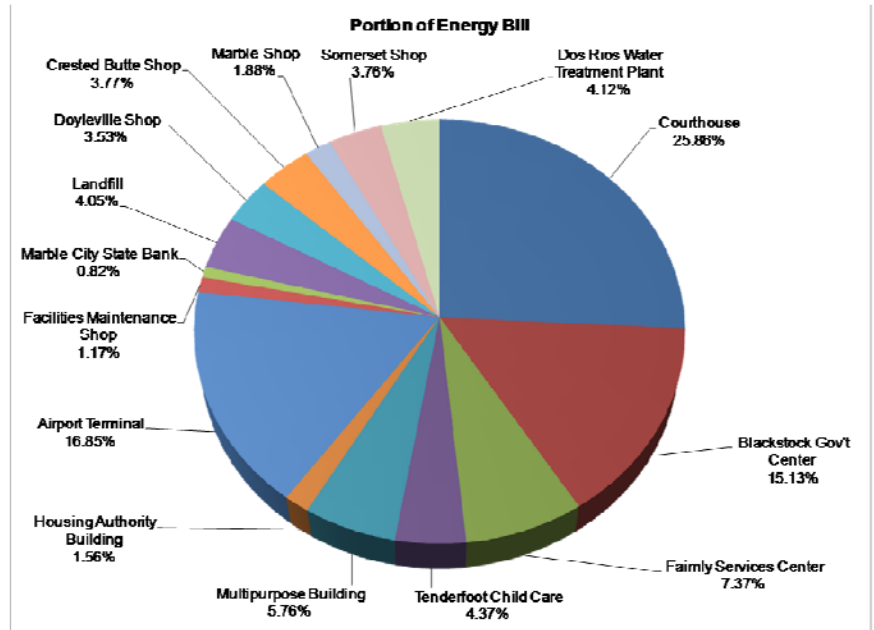


February—Windows/Heating Systems

By leading efforts to develop services, incentives, programs and policies, counties across the nation are helping deliver the proven environmental and economic benefits of green building to their communities.

The improvements for Gunnison County's third round of performance contracting have been installed and the work to fine tune the systems is underway. In order to assist with making these systems work properly, the Facilities & Grounds Department requests your assistance with these items, if possible:

- 1) Keep outside windows and doors closed.
- 2) Try not to prop outside doors open for meetings or loading/unloading.
- 3) Don't block heaters with objects.
- 4) Refrain from using portable heaters.



If you feel you absolutely must open your windows or run a heater, please let Facilities & Grounds maint@gunnisoncounty.org know so appropriate adjustments can be made. Doing these things artificially tricks the central control system into thinking it is working correctly by maintaining temperatures within the allowable range.

Your thermostat (if available) does control temperature ranges between 65 and 75 degrees. Also, pressing and holding the override button for a few seconds until the light turns green will allow the thermostat to function for two hours on nights and weekends when cooler, setback temperatures are being used. Please use your thermostat prior to opening the window or running a heater.

Above all, please be patient while the controls are dialed in. Controlling temperatures in old, large buildings is difficult and time consuming. Remember to dress in layers so you can adjust to the fluctuating temperatures. The goal is to save the County money, help the environment and increase comfort for employees. If we work together to accomplish these goals, it will progress much more smoothly.

Did you Know?

- In 2010, Gunnison County spent over \$255,000 on energy costs in County buildings.
- The Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners have a stated strategic priority calling for an overall net energy efficiency increase of 10% in County building by 2012.
- According to ENERGY STAR®, a program sponsored by the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), commercial buildings account for 18% of total U.S. energy consumption and contribute an estimated 15% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.
- Gunnison County entered into a performance contract with Ennovate Corporation to install energy improvements totaling \$1.16 million in county facilities.
- The performance contract is a lease-purchase agreement. The county uses the savings that it gains from the increased efficiency of the project to make payments on the equipment. At the end of the lease agreement, the county can keep the equipment.
- Ennovate is required by the State to guarantee the savings—estimated at 13%, resulting in \$460,879 saving over the next ten years. If there aren't savings, they have to issue the county a check for the difference.



In order to become eligible for this month's \$50 drawing, send an email to the Green Team GTeam@gunnisoncounty.org by February 28, 2010 stating:

1. What activities you engaged in to help reduce heating costs in County facilities and help calibrate the systems, or
2. What other ideas you might have related to reducing heating costs in county purposes.

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