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**Tips:**

* Powering down technology when leaving for the day
* Unplugging items that are not in constant use

**Examples in Smart Businesses:**

* Multiple businesses utilize smart lighting sensors
* Most businesses have Energy Star rated equipment
* Power saving mode on appliances is recommended to all businesses

**Ames Resources**

**City of Ames Smart Energy Rebates**

The City of Ames offers commercial appliances and air conditioning rebates through its [Smart Energy](https://www.cityofames.org/government/departments-divisions-a-h/electric/smart-energy/commercial-programs) program! Buying new appliances that Energy Star rated can get you a reimbursement for your commitment to more efficient energy practices.

**Other Resources**

**Making the most of Energy Star Products for Businesses**

[Energy Star products](https://www.energystar.gov/products/business) can make a difference in the amount of energy you use in your business. The following webpage from Energy Star provides valuable information and numerous additional resources to businesses interested in energy efficient appliances.

**Energy Star Product Finder**

[Energy Star Product Finder](https://www.energystar.gov/productfinder/) tool can assist you in searching energy star rated equipment that takes your businesses energy needs into consideration to find the best appliance that fits your needs.

**Alliant Energy Rebates**

[Alliant Energy](https://www.alliantenergy.com/waystosave/rebatesandmarketplace/rebatelocatortool) provides customers with their own set of energy rebates. These rebates allow for some of the same types of rebates offered by the city, but for Alliant customers.

**Tax Credit Information**

The City of Ames is researching best methods to utilize tax credits for customers. While not all tax credits are equal, The City of Ames offers customers resources to see which types of credits they can and can not qualify for. Rewiring America offers a [calculator](https://www.rewiringamerica.org/app/ira-calculator), and [Energy Star](https://www.energystar.gov/about/federal_tax_credits#:~:text=The%20federal%20tax%20credits%20for%20energy%20efficiency%20were,you%20file%20for%202022.%20ENERGY%20STAR%20Home%20Upgrade) provides some information relating to the credits.