HVAC Heating & Air Conditioning - Temperature

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FAU has adopted an Energy Conservation Policy to

- reduce energy consumption,
- increase operational efficiencies,
- improve air quality, and
- contribute to administrative efforts to contain fiscal expenditure.

This policy applies to all FAU employees, students, visitors, guests, tenants and contracted service providers.

Facilities Management is responsible for developing, implementing and monitoring energy management and conservation strategies. Faculty, staff, students, visitors, and contractor service providers, also have a responsibility to reduce individual impacts by adopting energy conservation measures. Access the Policy here.

Key Policy Points:

Occupancy Scheduling

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Operations outside of these days and times, including university recognized holidays, are considered unoccupied hours.

Space Temperature and Ventilation

Energy conservation also involves environmental controls to

regulate temperature and ventilation in University-owned or controlled facilities and buildings. Temperature set-points are as follows:

A. Occupied times:

- Heated to a target temperature of 68 degrees with an allowable span from 66 degrees to 70 degrees.
- Cooled to a target temperature of 74 degrees with an allowable span from 72 degrees to 76 degrees

B. Unoccupied times:

- Heating unoccupied temperatures where technically and economically feasible will be allowed as low as 60 degrees.
- Cooling unoccupied temperatures where technically and economically feasible will be allowed as high as 80 degrees.
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