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ENERGY STAR PARTNER

DeKalb County plans to partner with ENERGY STAR



DeKalb County Government is proud to announce its status as an ENERGY STAR Partner. This is a fantastic start to the new year and highlights DeKalb's commitment to energy saving best practices through this coming year of 2023. The partnership program works to help families and businesses save electricity, lower energy costs, and reduce greenhouse gases. It follows earlier commitments towards clean energy and reduced energy waste initiatives like DeKalb's participation in the Atlanta Regional Commission's Green Communities Program.

“In 2020 alone, ENERGY STAR and its partners helped Americans save more than 520 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity and avoid \$42 billion in energy costs”

ENERGY STAR is *the* government-backed standard for energy efficiency. The ENERGY STAR label is a highly recognizable way to know that the products and services you are using or receiving from DeKalb are working in the interest of you and the environment.

“Providing simple, credible, and unbiased information that consumers and businesses rely on to make well-informed decisions”

ENERGY STAR effects energy use at every level and every sector including:

ENERGY STAR Products	for Commercial Buildings	for Industrial Plants	for Residential Sector
<p>"In 2020, ENERGY STAR certified products helped consumers save 240 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity, avoid \$24 billion in energy costs, and achieve 180 million metric tons of greenhouse gas reductions"</p>	<p>"On average, ENERGY STAR certified buildings use 35% less energy than typical buildings nationwide."</p>	<p>"In 2020, the ENERGY STAR program for industrial plants helped businesses save 30 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity, avoid \$2 billion in energy costs, and achieve 30 million metric tons of greenhouse gas reductions."</p>	<p>"In 2020, the ENERGY STAR residential new construction program helped homeowners save 3 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity, avoid \$390 million in energy costs, and achieve 4 million metric tons of greenhouse gas reductions."</p>

DeKalb welcomes residents, businesses, organizations, and all who are interested to reach out if they have question about the program or if they are interested in obtaining resources for their own use – they can even become ENERGY STAR Partners!

For more information, be sure to visit energystar.gov/impacts and energystar.gov/statefacts – these sites will provide more insight into the benefits and award-winning change that businesses, local communities, residents, and vested individuals are making around Georgia and the Nation!