

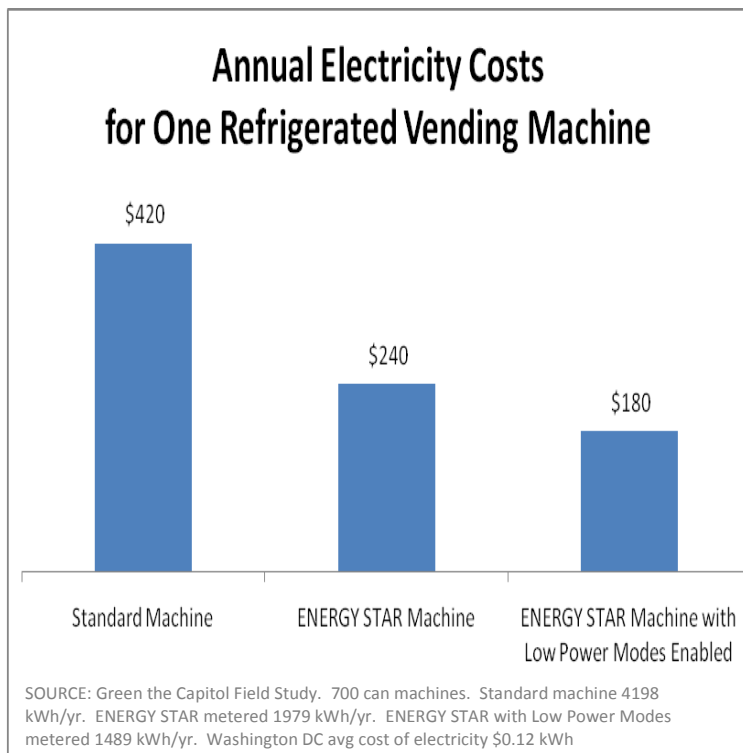
IN THE HALLS OF CONGRESS, THE SAVINGS ARE IN THE HALLS

Congress Saves \$13,000 a Year with Energy Efficient Soda Machines

The Green the Capitol program encourages members and agencies of the U.S. House of Representatives to save energy through sustainable business practices and energy-efficient technologies. During an energy metering study conducted in 2009, the Green the Capitol program discovered substantial energy savings in an unexpected source – its 53 soda machines – and is saving **\$240 per year per machine, or a total of \$13,000 per year.**

Savings like these can be realized quickly and easily in one phone call to your vending machine service provider by requesting that all machines be:

- Upgraded to ENERGY STAR® qualified vending machines.
- Programmed to turn off their lights for twelve hours per night and allow the temperature to rise a few degrees at night.



ENERGY STAR measured the energy use before and after activation of the nighttime shut off features over a two-month period to verify the savings by using **Watts Up Pro** plug load meters. Of the two programmable low-power modes, they found the lighting controls saved seven times as much electricity as allowing the refrigeration temperature to rise slightly at night.

“If 2.6 million of America’s standard refrigerated vending machines were upgraded to ENERGY STAR and their low power modes were enabled, it would be the equivalent to avoiding the carbon dioxide emissions of 737,000 cars annually,” said Una Song, ENERGY STAR vending machine manager.

For More Information

To learn how to reduce your vending machines’ energy costs, please visit www.energystar.gov/vending or contact Una Song, US EPA ENERGY STAR Program: 202-343-9024 or song.una@epa.gov.