

LIGHTS OUT PHILLY



FAQs for Tenants

What is Lights Out Philly?

Lights Out is a national program with more than 32 participating cities. Philadelphia is launching Lights Out Philly in spring 2021. You can be one of the first to join in this effort! We are asking tenants in building complexes to turn off lights during bird migration seasons to help save birds, save energy, and save money. Simply turn off your lights between midnight and 6 a.m. during spring migration, April 1–May 31, and the fall migration, August 15–November 15.

Are other cities participating?

Nationally, cities including New York, Boston, Chicago, Atlanta, Baltimore and Washington DC have Lights Out programs. Participating buildings include The Chrysler Building, Rockefeller Center and Time Warner Center.

Will this cost me money?

No, this is a free program, and you will save money! By turning off lights, you will be lowering your energy usage and saving money on your electric bill.

What kind of energy and cost savings will I receive?

Without doubt, turning lights off will save energy and cost but the exact amount will vary based on the number and intensity of lights you have and the specifics of your lighting. One study in Washington D.C. showed that buildings could reduce their energy usage by up to 28% by dimming their night lighting.

Do I need to turn off all my interior lights?

No, however please turn off unnecessary lighting. Where possible, it is also helpful to turn off interior lights that are closest to windows, from midnight to 6 a.m or use task lighting. If you are unable to turn off interior lights, draw window blinds, shades, drapes, or window coverings.

How do I participate?

Sign up at birdsafephilly.org

