



Energy Policy

The University of Portland, an independently governed Catholic university guided by the Congregation of Holy Cross, addresses significant questions of human concern through disciplinary and interdisciplinary studies of the arts, sciences, and humanities and through studies in majors and professional programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. As a diverse community of scholars dedicated to excellence and innovation, we pursue teaching and learning, faith and formation, service and leadership in the classroom, residence halls, and the world. Because we value the development of the whole person, the University honors faith and reason as ways of knowing, promotes ethical reflection, and prepares people to respond to the needs of the world and its human family.

I. Energy Usage

The types of energy that the university uses are electricity, natural gas, diesel for some vehicles, and backup generators. In 2018, the entire campus used 16.27 million kWh of electricity and 610,821.3 therms of natural gas. Three residence halls (Kenna, Shipstad, and Christie) installed energy-efficient natural gas condensing boilers in 2017 that reclaim heat and use less water, saving around \$47,000 in utilities and \$10,300 in water costs annually. We use energy from mixed sources, not all local. In 2018, we purchased 1.59M kWh of renewable power, avoiding sending 2.42M pounds of CO₂ into the atmosphere, this equates to 2.7M miles not driven.

II. Policy Statement

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With an interest in careful and strategic use of natural resources, as well as consideration for our role as caretakers of the campus and its facilities, we have drafted an energy policy that includes the following:

- We commit to reducing our electric and natural gas usage by 3% of our baseline in 2019 and continually in upcoming years.
- We commit to the provision of resources and information through regular and frequent analysis of our energy model, evaluation and tracking of information in TMA, regular committee meetings, employee training, and student engagement.
- We commit to complying with all legal requirements and manufacturing specifications that relate to our energy use.
- We commit to purchasing energy-efficient products and services in accordance with the university's mission.

For 2019, we will work to expand and gather more involvement from our energy management team. We are committed to communicating our goals, achievements, and SEM program initiatives to our campus. We will continue to strive for consistently monitoring energy use in the ten identified SEM buildings and implementing tangible actions to increase energy efficiency and savings. This includes, but is not limited to, working with NW Natural to diagnose increases in gas usage, switch off fan units that cause more gas to be used, create tighter scheduling of building equipment and systems, communicate to residents how they affect energy efficiency, and switch lights to LED. In the interest of providing exceptional stewardship for our campus and community, we commit to purchasing energy-efficient products and services in accordance with the University's mission, creating schedules of PMs to run energy-using equipment more efficiently, and continuing to engage in regular analysis and action taken to improve energy usage.

Approved by Interim Executive Sponsor

Date