

Hotel Lighting Energy Reduction Earns Largest Tax Incentive from Energy Policy Act (EPAct)

Hotel property owners are benefiting from new Energy Policy Act tax law provisions, that in particular, reward hotels for investing in energy reducing Lighting and Lighting controls projects. The technical reasons that hotels in particular benefit from this new legislation are:

The majority of space is Guest Rooms and hotel guest rooms are given two special exclusions 1. the typical large amount of plug in lamp lighting is favorably excluded from the tax benefit calculation and 2. guest rooms are also excluded from the bi level switching requirements.

Other large spaces include lobbies, conference rooms and food prep where tax deduction eligibility is easier with today's lighting products.

In almost half the country, designing Hotel Lighting to meet ASHRAE 2004 requirements will provide the maximum tax deduction.

Energy Tax Savers, Inc. has provided the following chart which you can use when discussing Lighting and lighting controls projects with outside architects, engineering firms and Lighting specifiers. The chart is designed to show when tax savings is applicable for typical building spaces.

Typical Spaces in a Hotel

Description	25% Improvement as compared to 2001 Standard \$0.30/sq.ft. Deduction Watts/sq.ft.	40% Improvement as compared to 2001 Standard \$0.60/sq.ft. Deduction Watts/sq.ft.
Guest Room	1.875	1.50
Lobby	1.275	1.02
Corridors	0.525	0.42
Hotel Dining Area	0.750	0.60
Enclosed Office	1.125	0.90
Conference Room	1.125	0.90
Exercise Area	0.825	0.66
Restrooms	0.750	0.60
Food Prep	1.650	1.32
Restaurant-Dining	1.650	1.32
Retail Sales Area	1.575	1.26
Electrical/Mechanical	0.975	0.78
Storage	0.825	0.66
Stairways	0.675	0.54
Laundry	0.525	0.42

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