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IMGA is pleased to announce that on July 1st, IMGA began flowing gas to SIUE with a contract for five years. We look forward to serving them and welcome them to the agency.

SIUE is a <u>nationally recognized university</u> that provides students with a high-quality, affordable education that prepares them for successful careers and lives of purpose to shape a changing world. Built on the foundation of a broad-based liberal education, and enhanced by hands-on research and real-world experiences, the academic preparation SIUE students receive equips them to thrive in the global marketplace and make our communities better places to live.

Situated on 2,660 acres of beautiful woodland atop the bluffs overlooking the natural beauty of the Mississippi River's rich bottom land and only a short drive from downtown St. Louis, the SIUE campus is home to a diverse student body of more than 13,000. SIUE awards degrees in undergraduate and graduate programs encompassing the arts, sciences, nursing, education, health, human behavior, business and engineering. The Schools of Dental Medicine and Pharmacy award first -professional doctoral degrees in dental medicine (DMD) and pharmacy (PharmD). Doctoral programs are available in nursing practice and educational leadership. Cooperative PhD programs in history, environmental resources and policy, engineering science, and computer science are offered with SIU Carbondale.



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cated in the Hairpin Loop, the Builders of the University Plaza honors the work of employees who have contributed to the growth, development and preservation of the University. Campus architect Rick Klein designed the Plaza, which blends flawlessly with the campus.



Did You Know:

More than 72 million US customers rely on natural gas every day, including more than 66 million households. The average home uses about 196 cubic feet of natural gas every day.

Nine out of 10 chefs prefer to cook on natural gas stoves. Even heat distribution and accurate temperature control make for more evenly cooked food.

IMGA Member Communities

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IMGA Eligible Utilities

DD Farms, Inc.
Graceland University
Illinois State University
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
Western Illinois University

Energy conservation: 10 ways to save energy

1. Adjust your day-to-day behaviors

The behavior adjustments that have the highest potential for utility savings are turning down the heat on your thermostat in the winter and using your air conditioner less in the summer.

2. Replace your light bulbs

Traditional incandescent light bulbs consume an excessive amount of electricity and must be replaced more often than their energy efficient alternatives.

3. Use smart power strips

"Phantom loads," or the electricity used by electronics when they are turned off or in standby mode, are a major source of energy waste. Smart power strips, also known as advanced power strips, eliminate the problem of phantom loads by shutting off the power to electronics when they are not in use.

4. Install a programmable or smart thermostat

A programmable or smart thermostat can be set to automatically turn off or reduce heating and cooling during the times when you are asleep or away.

5. Purchase energy efficient appliances

On average, appliances are responsible

for roughly 13% of your total household energy use.

6. Reduce your water heating expenses

Other than purchasing an energy efficient water heater, there are three methods of reducing your water heating expenses: you can simply use less hot water, turn down the thermostat on your water heater, or insulate your water heater and the first six feet of hot and cold water pipes.

7. Install energy efficient windows

Windows are a significant source of energy waste, which can amount to 10-25% of your total heating bill.

8. Upgrade your HVAC system

An HVAC system is composed of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment. Heating alone is responsible for more than 40% of home energy use

9. Weatherize your home

Weatherizing, or sealing air leaks around your home, is a great way to reduce your heating and cooling expenses.

10. Insulate your home

Insulation plays a key role in lowering your utility bills through retaining heat during the winter and keeping heat out of your home during the summer.

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