# SAVING MONEY WHILE SERVING OTHERS Warming hearts without burning through pockets: How to reduce your energy usage in the kitchen



## **UPGRADE APPLIANCES**

ENERGY STAR CERTIFIED COMMERCIAL APPLIANCES USE 20- 50% LESS ENERGY THAN STANDARD MODELS!

- A steam cooker uses up to **50% LESS** energy
- York University's Dining Hall upgraded all their kitchen appliances and HVAC system potentially saving approx. \$20 000/year!

### **USE TIMERS AND POWER STRIPS**

#### ELIMINATE ENERGY WASTE!



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- By using a timer to ensure the coffee maker heating elements are not operating during offhours can save you up to \$100/year
- Look for brewers with an energy save mode
- Cut power early! Shut off the burner several minutes before the end of the cook time, let residual heat do the work.

#### **REDUCE STANDBY TIME**

#### SKIP PREHEATING THE OVEN

- 1 HOUR standby time on a boiler-based steamer can cost \$50 \$300/year
- Choose the right burner for the pan! A small burner will take longer to heat large pan, using more energy
- glassware heats up better...less cooking time

## **KEEP OVEN DOOR CLOSED**



USE WINDOW TO CHECK PROGRESS! AN OVEN LOSES APPROX **20%** OF HEAT WHEN OPENED

Ensure the oven door seal is tight! A loose seal will leak heat and waste energy.

## 5 USE SMALL APPLIANCES FOR SMALL JOBS

CONSIDER USING A MICROWAVE INSTEAD!

You will use up to **50% LESS** energy than a conventional oven



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