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## Retail group works with Efficiency Vt.

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The Vermont Retail Association is partnering with Efficiency Vermont to help store owners conserve energy and save money on their electric bills.

As the first energy efficiency utility in the country, Efficiency Vermont takes "a really innovative approach to save Vermonters money and we reduce carbon emissions by using less electricity so it's good for the environment as well," Susan Thompson of Efficiency Vermont told a VRA meeting last week in Rutland.

Thompson, a planning development manager, said the biggest savings can come from replacing old lighting with more efficient lighting.

Efficiency Vermont also offers technical assistance and can help businesses customize their plans working with contractors on energy efficiency projects.

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