

BUSINESS ENERGY SOLUTIONS

ENERGY EFFICIENCY CASE STUDY:

First and Last Tavern

Plainville and Avon, CT



The Challenge

First and Last Tavern, a unique Connecticut franchise, is known for serving up quality Italian food at modest prices. However, their Plainville and Avon locations were in need of lighting improvements to complement their excellent service. In fact, staff members were originally switching out light bulbs on their own, but they soon realized they were choosing the wrong types of bulbs. The goal was to therefore install money- and energy-saving lighting solutions and controls to match the restaurant's desired ambiance for customers and staff.

The Eversource Solution

First and Last Tavern took advantage of the Small Business Energy Advantage solution, which begins with a free, no-obligation energy audit from an Eversource-authorized contractor. This turnkey program is designed for small businesses that may not have the time or resources to make energy efficiency upgrades on their own. Through the program, the restaurant upgraded to LEDs, which are 90 percent more efficient than incandescent lights and reduce the need for frequent replacements. Now, they no longer see customers using their cell phones to read the menu because a light bulb is out above them. Plus, the upgraded lighting is consistent and prevents staff from climbing ladders.

Estimated annual savings

- \$111,000 energy cost reduction
- 96,000 kilowatt hours
- 45 tons CO₂, the equivalent of taking 10 cars off the road

"The cost of food, beverage and labor is rising. As a small business, we don't see a lot of opportunities for savings. It's easy for companies or programs to say they can benefit your restaurant, but this program actually delivers. And now, I can focus on important aspects of the business like our operations, staff, and customers."

- Russ Nemarich, Vice President, First and Last Tavern.

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