

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER ONE

TO: Heads of All State Departments and Agencies
RE: Fuel Conservation

WHEREAS, there is a potential and immediate possibility of a serious shortage of heating fuels; and

WHEREAS, such a shortage could have a most adverse effect upon the health, welfare and economy of the citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, the general public properly expects the government to set an example in practice as well as policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHERMAN W. TRIBBITT, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order, as follows:

1. Effective this date and until terminated by notice from this office, the following seven point program to conserve fuel is directed in all State departments, agencies and offices.

a. Temperatures in all state-owned or leased facilities will be lowered to the optimum level consistent with maintenance of good health and working efficiency of the occupants. I propose a working day temperature of 68°F, lowered to 63°F, in those facilities which are unoccupied between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 7:30 A.M. Health care facilities such as hospitals and homes for the aged or infirm, are exempt from this restriction; however, it should be applied where heating systems permit, in purely administrative areas of such facilities.

b. Wherever possible, doors to unused rooms should be closed and heat controls for those areas set to the minimum temperature of 63°F.

c. Portable electric heaters will not be substituted by individuals to circumvent the intent of this policy.

d. Water heating units will be checked to insure that water temperatures are not being maintained at unnecessarily high levels.

e. Any lights not essential for the maintenance of proper working conditions or for safety and security reasons will be turned off.

f. Power switches on electrically powered equipment will be turned off when such equipment is not actually in use unless technical instructions recommend against such procedure.

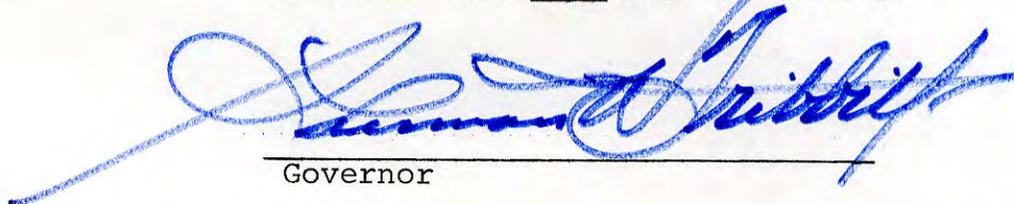
g. Window air conditioners will be checked for proper covering to prevent heat loss through these units.

2. Supervisors at all levels will make special emphasis on compliance with this order.

3. All employees will be encouraged to practice similar conservation measures in their individual homes.

4. The Secretary, Department of Administrative Services shall develop the necessary technical instructions for implementing this order in those State facilities in which the Division of State Building and Grounds has responsibility for maintenance and custodial services.

APPROVED This 18 day of January, 1973


Governor

ATTEST:


Secretary of State

