



CERTified campaigns

Act to implement energy solutions!

VENDINGMISER CASE STUDY

BECOME A WISER ENERGY MISER! CERTs and EnergyMisers, LLC VendingMiser Bulk-Buy Program

What people are saying about VendingMisers in Minnesota...

“Installation was really easy. It took me less than five minutes for each machine.”

Tim Burton, Chisago Lakes School District

“Our test VendingMiser showed a 46% reduction in energy use!”

Madalyn Cioci, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

CHISAGO LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT: ADDS IT ALL UP!

When Chisago Lakes School District hired Tim Burton they not only gained an experienced Director of Buildings and Grounds, but also a “sparkplug” for initiating energy efficiency practices and upgrades throughout the district’s facilities.

Mr. Burton heard about VendingMisers at a prior position at the Forest Lake School District. When he started at Chisago Lakes School District, he began implementing several energy efficiency ideas. After visiting with Bill Bieganek from EnergyMisers, LLC at a convention in St. Cloud, he became more interested in the no-brainer energy savings of VendingMisers. He got involved with a Minnesota RETAP (Retired Engineer Technical Assistance Program) group and was offered three free VendingMisers.

Today, there are thirteen VendingMisers district-wide. He says, “I know they’re working. When I come into the school in the mornings, they all turn on when I walk by.” He went on to say that the energy savings are pretty clear, and the return-on-investment figures from various studies show a practical payback period.

Mr. Burton reports two key benefits of the VendingMisers:

1. They simply shut down the machines when the surrounding space is not occupied.
2. They do not interrupt the normal compressor cycles; he has never had any complaints about the drinks being warm.

Overwhelmingly, Mr. Burton’s experience has been very positive with VendingMisers. He recommended being aware of where the VendingMisers are placed. At one location in the school district, he chose not to use a VendingMiser where the back of the machine is exposed and in a high traffic area. What Mr. Burton enjoyed the most, apart from knowing he was cutting his energy usage by nearly 50%, was the positive public relations from the gadgets. He received cool stickers that were placed on the machines that let people know they were equipped with VendingMisers and that Chisago Lakes School District was making smart energy choices.

Finally, Mr. Burton acknowledges that vending machines are just one part of a facility’s energy usage. He says, “You’re not saving a whole lot [with a single VendingMiser], but it all adds up!”

