

Bloomfield Small Business Campaign

Description for Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce website

The Town of Bloomfield, the Bloomfield Conservation, Energy & Environment Committee, and the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce have joined forces with Eversource to launch a town-wide energy-saving campaign for businesses that will also support the Bloomfield Fuel Bank.

Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce member Carbone's Kitchen is one local business that benefitted from the energy efficiency campaign. The acclaimed Italian restaurant participated in Eversource's Small Business Energy Advantage program, where expert technicians conduct a no-cost facility energy audit and propose custom recommendations for energy improvements. Financial incentives are also available through the program to offset the cost of upgrading to energy-efficient technology.

Owner Vinnie Carbone first heard about the Small Business program when he hosted a Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce networking event at his restaurant. Following the audit, Carbone's completed a comprehensive kitchen lighting retrofit, where old, inefficient lighting was replaced with high-efficiency LED lighting. The project will save the restaurant more than \$1,000 a year in energy costs and more than 6,000 kilowatt-hours a year in energy savings.

Year-after-year energy and cost savings will be delivered to the restaurant as well – Carbone's Kitchen will save more than 73,222 kilowatt-hours and more than \$12,000 in utility costs throughout the lifetime of the newly installed equipment. Additionally, Eversource assisted Carbone's in securing Energize Connecticut incentive dollars to offset the cost of the project.

"Participating in the Small Business Energy Advantage program was a no-brainer," said Carbone. "We knew that our kitchen lighting could be more efficient and are thrilled with the upgrades. I am currently working on a separate business project and plan to take advantage of other Energize Connecticut programs that will help us maintain an efficient and comfortable operation."

Not only is Carbone's Kitchen saving energy and money, but the new lighting cut down on maintenance costs and enhanced the work environment for employees – and the Bloomfield Fuel Bank received nearly \$100 as a result of the project!

Now through December 2016, Fuel Bank donations will be made by Victory Energy Solutions and Paquette Electric Co., the Eversource-authorized contractors that are available to provide businesses in town with energy-saving services.

If you'd like your business to become more energy efficient while helping the Bloomfield Fuel Bank, call 1-866-229-4884 or visit EnergizeCT.com/businesses.