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## HVAC Controls

### Retrofit vs Replace

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# Retrofit or Replace

*Why Retrofit? - It Saves Money \$\$\$*

## Replacing Existing HVAC Equipment

Even well-maintained HVAC systems will require replacement eventually. Replacing HVAC systems can be expensive.

## Retrofitting Existing HVAC Equipment

When possible, retrofitting commercial HVAC systems with advanced HVAC controls

- Can be an extremely cost-effective alternative to improve a commercial HVAC system

Retrofit to:

- Lower energy costs today
- Extending the life of the existing HVAC system
- Avoid entire replacement process

Retrofitting will yield the same energy savings as replacement but with shorter payback

- Payback of 2-3 years for retrofit
- Payback of 20-30 years or more for replacement

A retrofit strategy could

- Defer a large investment and result in short-term benefits that you can use now until you to fully upgrade in the future.
- Due to state building codes, replacement equipment is not entitled to all the utility energy incentives available for retrofitting.
- The near-term cashflow saved by reducing energy costs can also be accrued and used to defray cost of replacement in the future.
- HVAC controls used for retrofit are forward compatible with any newer equipment replaced in the future. You can have your cake and eat it too!

## When to Replace or Retrofit Equipment

- Replace equipment only if it's at the end of life and as a capital expenditure project – not an energy saving project.
- Retrofit equipment if it's not at the end of life as an energy saving project.



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