

To cut nearly 50% off its energy bill,  
The Warehouse made the most  
important investment of all.



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Time.

## Activist approach pays \$2 million dividend

Some businesses passively accept energy bills as a cost. Others question, probe and profit handsomely. Like The Warehouse. Just one of their energy management tools is contributing over \$2 million a year to the bottom line – equivalent to having another big red shed in the chain.

### Sifting through the paper mountain

Processing the energy bills for over 100 sites across New Zealand was a monster job. The sheer flood of paperwork meant there was little opportunity to check or analyse, especially when deadlines for prompt payment discounts were looming.

So, The Warehouse implemented an energy monitoring and targeting (M&T) system.

It checks and validates invoices and flags variations between the invoice and the expected bill that need further investigation. It also produces reports for each store

highlighting opportunities for energy improvements. Overall it's helped reduce usage from 200 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> a year in 1995 to 105 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> – nearly 50%.

### Time spent equals money saved

Of course, The Warehouse had to invest in the M&T system. But, as their managers will tell you, the most important investment has been simply setting time aside for the monitoring task.

If it's time your business put a little more time into managing energy use, we're here to help with Emprove. For more information, contact the business team, [business@eeca.govt.nz](mailto:business@eeca.govt.nz), phone 0800 358 676 or visit [www.emprove.org.nz](http://www.emprove.org.nz)

