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Time for a New Phone System?

8 Best Practices for Planning Your Next Upgrade

Anticipating a phone system upgrade is a daunting and often disruptive task, but it is better to do it sooner than later. A system older than five years is ripe for replacement.

[Read our tip-sheet.](#)

More Reading

EPA Adds Waste Option to Portfolio Manager

Commercial buildings and manufacturing operations account for 45% of the 150 millions tons of annual waste sent to landfills or waste-to-energy facilities in the U.S. For the first time, building managers can track and measure 29 types of waste in the Energy Star Portfolio Manager.

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Net Zero Schools May Improve Education

With energy costs averaging about \$300 per student per year, cash-strapped districts have found improving energy performance as the best way to lower operating and maintenance costs, freeing up critical funds for teachers, textbooks or programs that benefit children.

[Here's how.](#)

FCC Spectrum Auction Surpasses \$13B in Round 10

While demand for the airwaves in markets such as New York remains strong, onlookers maintain the event will require multiple rounds to match overall supply with demand. Verizon, AT&T and T-Mobile are all expected to spend billions at auction. Other major bidders include Dish Network and Comcast.

[Read the latest.](#)



Be Safe for Labor Day Weekend

No one likes to talk about it, but traffic fatalities in the U.S. are on the rise, and Labor Day weekend is one of the busiest travel weekends of the year. Enjoy the weekend and, please, take care!

[Driver Safety Tips](#)

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