



For more information visit:
www.energystar.gov
1.888.STAR.YES (1.888.782.7937)

August 2009

Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

For all energy efficiency and renewable energy information please contact:
1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)
www.eere.energy.gov



More than Just a Bright Idea.
ENERGY STAR® Qualified Light Bulbs:
An Easy Way to Save

ENERGY STAR Qualified Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)

www.energystar.gov/CFLs



Save energy & money. Save \$30 or more in energy costs over the lifetime of one bulb!

Save time & effort. Change your light bulbs less often. CFLs can last about 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs when used correctly. Learn more at energystar.gov/CFLs.

Help the planet. Using less energy helps reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from power plants.

Recycle used CFLs. CFLs contain a small amount of mercury,* so they should be recycled. Visit www.earth911.com to find recycling locations.

Create Your Mood.

While most CFLs come in "warm" colors to match the yellowish light of incandescent bulbs, you can also choose "cooler" colors with whiter and bluish hues for reading and task lighting. Light color is measured on the Kelvin scale (K) and is marked on CFL packaging. This scale shows the kelvin measurement and the corresponding light color.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT COLOR



**Warm White,
Soft White**
Standard color of
incandescent bulbs.

**Cool White,
Bright White**
Good for kitchens
and work spaces.

**Natural
or Daylight**
Good for reading.

2700K

3000K

5000K

3500K

4100K

6500K



NEW FOR 2009!

CFLs for small sockets!

Look for candelabra base CFLs with the ENERGY STAR mark.

Saving figures based on 6,000 hour CFL lifetime, 1,000 hour incandescent lifetime, 3 hours of use per day, an electric rate of 11.09¢ per kWh, a CFL price of \$3, and an incandescent price of \$0.50.

*For more information, visit energystar.gov/CFLsandMercury.

Did You Know?

Lighting represents about 20 percent of your household electric bill. Changing to ENERGY STAR qualified CFLs is one of the simplest ways to trim electricity costs.



HOW TO CHOOSE

THE RIGHT ENERGY STAR® QUALIFIED LIGHT BULB

	SPIRAL	COVERED A-SHAPE	GLOBE	TUBED	CANDLE	INDOOR REFLECTOR	OUTDOOR REFLECTOR
TABLE/FLOOR LAMPS							
PENDANT FIXTURES							
CEILING FIXTURES							
CEILING FANS							
WALL SCONCES							
RECESSED CANS							
TRACK LIGHTING							
OUTDOOR COVERED							
OUTDOOR FLOOD							

AVOID EARLY BURNOUT:

- Only bulbs marked "dimmable" or "three-way" will work on dimmers or three-way switches.
- Most photocells and timers are not designed to work with CFLs.
- For recessed cans, only choose bulbs marked "Indoor Reflector" or "For Indoor Use".



LEARN MORE AT
energystar.gov