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TOP 10 WAYS TO SAVE WITH LIGHTING

- 1) **Your lighting purchase is important!** Before buying a light bulb, check for the government's ENERGY STAR® label on the packaging. Not all compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) earn the ENERGY STAR. To earn the ENERGY STAR, a CFL must meet strict energy efficiency standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy, as well as quality and lifetime guidelines. By choosing ENERGY STAR qualified CFLs, you save energy, money, and help fight global warming.
- 2) **Change five lights.** By replacing your home's five most frequently used light fixtures or the bulbs in them with ENERGY STAR qualified models, you can save more than \$65 a year. The 5 highest-use lights are typically found in the kitchen, family and living room, bathroom, and outdoor areas (such as a porch or post lamp).
- 2) **Get 1 instead of 10.** ENERGY STAR qualified bulbs and fixtures use about 75% less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and last up to 10 times longer, saving you time buying and replacing bulbs, and about \$30 or more in energy costs over the life of each bulb. For each CFL you buy, you save as many as 10 trips to buy an incandescent bulb!
- 3) **Look to lumens (not watts) for light.** When selecting energy-efficient light bulbs, use lumens (light output) as your guide to getting the right bulb. Energy-efficient lighting will provide the same amount of light or more while using fewer watts.
- 4) **Consider the environmental savings.** Your home can cause twice as many greenhouse gas emissions as your car! Most U.S. homes still get their electricity from power plants that burn fossil fuels and release greenhouse gases into our atmosphere. An ENERGY STAR qualified bulb prevents more than 400 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions over its lifetime, the equivalent of keeping nearly 200 pounds of coal from being burned. Every bit helps to reduce the risks of global warming.
- 6) **Flip a switch when leaving a room.** Saving energy and money can start by not wasting energy. When you leave a room, turn off the lights and see the savings.
- 7) **Safety first.** ENERGY STAR qualified bulbs and fixtures produce about 75% less heat, so they're safer to operate and can cut energy costs associated with home cooling.
- 8) **Put your lights on a schedule.** Make sure your lights are on only when you need them. Use motion detectors on outdoor security fixtures to prevent their being on all night. Use photo cells or photo sensors on outdoor lighting to allow lights to come on only when the sun is down. All ENERGY STAR qualified outdoor fixtures come with photocells or photo sensors.
- 9) **Close the loop – dispose of your CFL responsibly!** Because CFLs contain a small amount of mercury, EPA recommends that you take advantage of local recycling options, if available in your area. To learn more about CFLs and mercury, including how to clean up a broken CFL and find proper disposal options, go to www.energystar.gov/CFLsandMercury.
- 10) **Be part of a bigger change.** Take the ENERGY STAR Change a Light Pledge at www.energystar.gov/changealight and join Americans nationwide in the fight against global warming.