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## ENERGY STAR Qualified Decorative Light Strings AT A GLANCE

### What is ENERGY STAR?

- The U.S. government-backed symbol of energy efficiency.
- A program dedicated to identifying products that save energy without sacrificing quality or performance.



### Why Buy ENERGY STAR Qualified Decorative Light Strings?

#### Save energy

- Qualified models use about **70% less energy** than standard incandescent light strings and last up to 10 times longer.

#### Save money

- For every three ENERGY STAR qualified decorative light strings a consumer purchases, they can **save \$9 over the lifetime of the lights**.

#### Save the environment

- By using less energy, qualified decorative light strings **reduce greenhouse gas emissions** caused by burning fossil fuels at power plants.
- If every decorative light string purchased in the United States this year earned the ENERGY STAR, we would **save about \$65 million** in annual energy costs and prevent **900 million pounds** of greenhouse gas emissions per year, equivalent to the emissions from about **80,000 cars**.

### Common Customer FAQs

**Q: Are ENERGY STAR qualified decorative light strings available with the same features as incandescent light strings?**

**A:** Yes, qualified decorative light strings come in a variety of colors, shapes and lengths. They are also available with dimming or color-shifting features.

**Q: What is an LED?**

**A:** Many ENERGY STAR qualified decorative light strings feature light emitting diode (LED) technology. LEDs are small light sources illuminated by the movement of electrons through a semiconductor material. LEDs are exceptionally energy efficient when producing individual colors, with many using up to 90% less energy than conventional incandescent bulbs to produce the same amount of light. The electricity consumed by just one 7-watt incandescent bulb could power 140 LEDs.

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