



Lighting Choices

10 easy ways to save energy

There are many creative ways you can improve the lighting on the interior and the exterior of your home that can save energy and save you money at the same time.

- 1 Replace your incandescent bulbs with energy-saving compact fluorescent bulbs in areas where lights are left on for long periods of time.
- 2 Turn lights off when a room is not occupied.
- 3 Install motion sensors and outdoor timers on your exterior lighting to help reduce the energy you use by providing light only when you need it.
- 4 Use halogen reflector light bulbs in your pot lights - they will give you up to 40% in energy savings and provide more light.
- 5 Place floor or table lamps in the corner of a room so that the light will reflect off both walls.
- 6 Use fewer bulbs to do the job - one 100-watt bulb will use the same amount of energy as four 25-watt bulbs but will provide up to twice as much light.
- 7 When buying light bulbs, choose the bulbs with the lowest wattage and the highest brightness in lumens.
- 8 Use lower wattage bulbs where possible - your lights may be brighter than you need in some areas.
- 9 When it's time to repaint your walls, consider choosing light colours that will reflect light and enhance lighting.
- 10 Look for the ENERGY STAR[®] symbol when shopping for compact fluorescent bulbs.