

Lighting Checklist

- Replace your regular light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs. They may cost more than regular bulbs but they last up to 10 times longer and can use up to 75% less electricity.
- Some incandescent bulbs have been made more efficient by reducing the wattage. Look for these energy-saving replacement bulbs: 34 W for a 40 W; 52 W for a 60 W; 90 W for a 100 W.
- Compared to incandescent, halogen bulbs are more expensive to purchase, but they produce a whiter light, last 2 to 4 times longer, and use about 40% less energy to produce the same light. Halogens are a good replacement for outdoor flood and spotlights.
- Be aware that incandescent bulbs known as "long-life" or "extended life" do last a long time but give 30% less light while using the same amount of energy.
- Avoid using multiple-light fixtures. Four 25 W light bulbs give off only 2/3 of the light of one 100 W bulb yet use the same 100 W of energy.
- Replace standard on/off switches with a dimmer. They reduce light level, save energy and extend bulb life (Don't use with compact fluorescent bulbs).
- Install timers on selected lights to make your home look occupied when you are away and avoid leaving lights on around the clock.