

Did You Know...

An Energy Star qualified compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL):

- Saves about \$30 throughout its lifetime
- Pays for itself in about 6 months
- Uses 75% less energy
- Lasts about 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs

(<http://www.energystar.gov>).

Placing one CFL in every American home would save enough energy to light 3 million homes for a year and reduce annual energy costs by \$600 million.

What is the difference between incandescent and compact fluorescent?



	
Incandescent	Compact Fluorescent
Uses filaments	Uses gases inside glass tube
Watts Used: 60	Watts Used: 13
Lifetime Hours: 750 – 1,000	Lifetime Hours: 6,000 – 15,000
Lifetime Cost: \$40	Lifetime Cost: \$10

Table from <http://www.energystar.gov/>

Green lighting:

- Provides more hours of use than incandescent bulbs
- Reduces home energy costs and monthly electricity bill
- Decreases the frequency of light bulb purchase
- Cuts greenhouse gas emissions

**Note that CFL bulbs should be disposed of properly as they contain small amounts of mercury. Many retail outlets that sell CFL bulbs also have a bulb recycling program.

Visit www.epa.gov/bulbrecycling to find a recycling center near you.

Visit the Energy Star website <http://www.energystar.gov> for more information about:

- The Energy Star Program
- Which bulb is right for you
- Tips for getting the most from your CFL bulbs
- Calculating energy savings