ENERGY STAR[®] Qualified Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs)

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Shopping for light bulbs and looking for savings?

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To save energy costs, find the bulb with the light output you need and choose the one with the lowest wattage.

| Standard Incandescent Bulb (watts) | ENERGY STAR Qualified CFL (approximate equivalent watts) | Minimum Light Output (lumens) |
|--|--|----------------------------------|
| 40 | 10 | 450 |
| 60 | 15 | 800 |
| 75 | 20 | 1100 |
| 100 | 29 | 1600 |
| 150 | 38 | 2600 |

Note: This table is provided as a guide only.

Watts vs. lumens

Wattage determines the energy that a bulb uses, while lumens measure light output.

CFL facts ...

- Come in a range of designs and shapes to fit almost any fixture indoors and out*
- Made to last for at least five years**
- Use 75% less energy than incandescent bulbs
- Some CFLs are specially designed to work with dimmers and three-way switches*
- * Check packaging to make sure the lamp has the features you need.
- ** Based on three hours of use per day.

... and tips ...

- For maximum savings, begin by installing CFLs in areas where lights are on for long periods, such as the kitchen, family room and outdoors.
- CFLs are ideal for hard-to-reach fixtures because they don't need to be changed as often.
- Look for the ENERGY STAR symbol on CFL packaging.

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Calculate the real cost

Compare the real cost of a 60-watt incandescent light bulb with a 15-watt ENERGY STAR qualified CFL. See for yourself how a CFL will recover your costs and more through energy savings.

| Real-Cost Calculator | 60-Watt Incandescent | 15-Watt ENERGY STAR Qualified CFL | |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Initial cost (a) | 50¢ | \$6.99 | |
| Light output (lumens) | 800 | 800 | |
| Life (hours) | 1000 | 9000 | |
| Replacement light bulbs (b) | 8 @ 50¢ = \$4.00 | - | |
| Lifetime electricity cost (c) | 9000 hrs. @ 60 W @ 8¢/kWh = \$43.20 | 9000 hrs. @ 15 W @ 8¢/kWh = \$10.80 | |
| Total lifetime cost (a + b + c) | \$47.70 | \$17.79 | |
| Lifetime savings | - | \$29.91 | |

Note: This table is provided as a guide only. It also does not take into account the crossover effect of heat generated by incandescent lighting.

