

Join the Change A Light, Change the World Campaign

Switching to an energy-efficient light bulb can save \$30 or more on electric bills

Consumers can help save energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by participating in the national Change A Light, Change the World Campaign effort that calls for using more energy-efficient light bulbs.

The campaign encourages consumers to replace at least one standard incandescent light bulb in their home with one that has an ENERGY STAR label. The label designates products that meet strict energy efficiency standards set by the U.S. Department of Energy. According to the Department of Energy, lighting accounts for nearly 20 percent of the average home's electric bill. ENERGY STAR qualified light bulbs use at least 75 percent less energy than standard bulbs and last up to ten times longer.

The Department of Energy's statistics state that if every American switched to using at least one energy-efficient light bulb, it could result in the following:

- A savings of \$30 or more in annual electricity costs over each bulb's lifetime.
- The prevention of greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of more than 800,000 cars per year.
- The saving of enough energy to light more than 3 million homes for a year.
- A savings of more than \$600 million in annual energy costs.

For more information on ENERGY STAR and the campaign, go to

<http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=cal.showPledge>

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