

Choose Your Lighting Efficiently

Use low-wattage light bulbs where illumination is not needed for reading or other close work.

Use dimmer switches or timers on lights, and turn off lights when they are not needed.

Consider installing timers, photocells or occupancy sensors to reduce the amount of time your lights are on.

Use task lighting; instead of brightly lighting an entire room, focus the light where you need it. For example, use fluorescent under-cabinet lighting for kitchen sinks and counter tops under cabinets. Consider three-way lamps; they make it easier to keep lighting levels low when brighter light is not necessary.

Use motion sensors for outdoor lighting. You'll still have security and save energy. Exterior lighting is one of the best places to use Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs) because of their long life. If you live in a cold climate, be sure to buy a lamp with a cold-weather ballast.

Replace the halogen torchiere floor lamp with a Compact Fluorescent Light model. They're safer, use 70 percent less electricity and produce as much, if not more, light.

Choose the right wattage bulb for the lighting task. A 100-watt bulb produces approximately the same amount of light as two 60-watt bulbs, but uses less energy.

Consider installing timers or photoelectric cells to operate outdoor lights.

Turn off decorative outdoor gas lamps. Replace with solar lights or timers.



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