

DOLLARS AND CENTS

In many cases, you can reduce the amount of energy consumed by your home's lighting at no cost, simply by turning lights off when they are not needed and by using low-wattage bulbs and task lighting. When replacing bulbs or fixtures, focus on energy efficiency - the extra money you spend will often be more than paid back through energy cost savings.

The following table compares the cost of replacing a 60 watt incandescent bulb with a 15 watt compact fluorescent bulb.

	60 Watt Incandescent (1 bulb = 1,000 hours of light)	15 watt Compact Fluorescent (1 bulb = 8,000 hours of light)
The first price tag (purchase cost for 8,000 hours of light)	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00
The second price tag (purchase cost for 8,000 hours of light @ 12 cents per kWh)	\$57.60	\$14.40
Total Cost	\$61.60	\$18.40

One incandescent bulb provides about 1,000 hours of light. It takes 8 light bulbs, at 50¢ each, to provide the same hours of light as one compact fluorescent lamp, which provides 8,000 hours of light.

You save \$43.20 over the life of the compact fluorescent bulb.