

# LIGHTING



Lighting can account for up to 10% of our home energy costs. The more we use lighting in our home, the higher our electric costs will be.




Learn tips to keep your home bright and affordable, one bulb at a time.

# BRIGHTEN YOUR HOME

## Low Cost Tools

**LED LIGHT BULBS:** Don't let the price tag fool you. Incandescent bulbs are cheap but use the most energy and have the shortest life. CFLs are more expensive but use less energy and last longer. LEDs cost the most up front but use the least amount of energy and will last the longest (which means they will pay for themselves.)

**LED NIGHT LIGHTS:** Using these overnight will help you feel safe, sleep better and keep your energy costs low.

|                    |   | Annual Cost | Lumens Per Watt | Efficiency Gained | Rated Bulb Life |
|--------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| LED Bulbs          |  | \$1.19      | 72              | 83%               | 34 Years        |
| CFL Bulbs          |  | \$1.75      | 60              | 75%               | 14 Years        |
| Incandescent Bulbs |  | \$7.01      | 15              | 0%                | 1.5 Years       |

Approximate figures from Efficiency Maine

## Energy In Action - Lighting

**REPLACE:** Swapping out incandescent bulbs **with LED bulbs** as needed is a cost-effective upgrade. When purchasing, look for the Energy Star label and don't associate brightness with watts. Look for a lumen number, the higher the lumens, the brighter the bulb.

**TURN:** Switch **lights off** every time you leave a room, even if it's only for a few minutes.

**BRIGHTEN:** Keep shades and blinds open to let **natural light** into your home and reduce the amount of electricity you need during the day



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