



## Green Team Facts: Switch to Fluorescent Light Bulbs

### Did you know?

- Lighting accounts for close to 20 percent of the average home's electricity bill.
- Switching from traditional incandescent light bulbs to fluorescent light bulbs reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

### Facts about Energy Star qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs:

- Use 75 percent less electricity.
- Last up to 10 times longer than incandescent light bulbs.
- Will save about \$30.00 over its lifetime and pay for itself in about 6 months.
- In 2007, Americans saved \$1.5 billion by switching to qualified CFLs. The energy saved could light all the households in a city the size of Washington, DC for over 30 years.
- If every American home replaced one light bulb, we would save enough energy to light more than 3 million homes for a year. That would prevent the release of greenhouse gas emissions equal to about 800,000 cars.
- The [Home Depot recycling program](#), [Waste Management recycling program](#), local recycling centers and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facilities offer environmentally friendly CFL disposal options.
- For more waste reduction tips visit [www.kansasgreenteams.org](http://www.kansasgreenteams.org).

