

# Lighting Tips



## Shop carefully

### Check your fixture before you buy.

CFLs and LEDs come in a variety of shapes and sizes; you want to ensure you get the right size.

### Read packages carefully.

Three-way switches and dimmer switches require special bulbs made for those applications.

### Choose ENERGY STAR® certified lights.



## Install low-cost lighting controls

Occupancy sensors, timers and dimmers all save energy, and many different styles are available. (Use incandescent or LED bulbs with sensors and timers - they can shorten the lifespan of CFL bulbs.)

### Choose motion detectors for outdoor lights.

You'll save energy and surprise unwanted intruders. You can find outdoor fixtures with motion detectors built in.

### Photo sensors turn lights on at dusk and off at dawn.

If you leave your porch light on all night for safety, a photo sensor can save energy with the automatic shutoff in the morning.

## Dispose of CFLs properly

All fluorescent lights contain a small quantity of mercury, and therefore should be disposed of properly. Visit [Metro.gov](http://Metro.gov) for information and disposal sites.

## Why choose ENERGY STAR?

ENERGY STAR rating means high quality & performance, particularly in these areas:

### Color quality & light output

- 6 different color quality requirements Light output minimums
- Light distribution requirements to ensure the light goes where you need it
- Guidelines for equivalency claims to take the guess-work out of replacement

### Standards & testing

- Verified compliance with 20+ industry standards & procedures
- Tests to verify lifetime claims
- Tests to stress products in operating environments similar to home use
- 3-year minimum warranty requirement

All ENERGY STAR products are subject to random testing every year to ensure they continue to meet requirements.