

# CFL TIPS / HOW TO BUY THE BEST LIGHT

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## 1 Count your incandescent lights

- \_\_\_ pot lights
- \_\_\_ ceiling lights
- \_\_\_ table lamps

The average home has over 40 lights, of which at least 20 can use compact fluorescent lights (CFLs).

## 2 Try them out first

- Buy a couple at a time first to test them out
- Find the brand and styles you like the best

## 3 Things to look for at the store

- Energy Star label
- 10,000 hours life preferred
- Capsule (covered) bulbs for exposed lights

- Colour temperature options (2700 K is a warm light, like an incandescent, and 4100K is a cool white light)
- Instant on (no delay)
- Low mercury content (3mg or less is preferable)

## 4 Disposal

- The small amount of mercury in a CFL can be recycled. Please save old bulbs for a local hazardous waste collection day.
- If the bulb breaks, sweep the pieces into a bag and save for proper disposal.



Lighten Up, Ontario!

This year, I pledge to use less electricity!



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Follow our tips and compare. Your hydro bill will tell you how much you were able to save.

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- I will lighten my load**  
Buy at least 10 CFLs for your home. Do this first! See over for CFL tips.
- I will watch my waste line**  
Get in the habit of turning things off when not in use, including lights, computers, TVs and stereos. Use power bars to turn off multiple plugs with the flick of a switch.
- I will not lose control of my temperature**  
Use natural cooling methods and fans whenever possible.  
If you air condition your home, do so sparingly to take the edge off the heat.
- I will let it all hang out**  
Air dry your laundry, even just the big things, in your yard or inside. Even an efficient dryer uses a lot of electricity.
- I will be an energy star**  
For most appliances, look for the Energy Star label – they're the most energy efficient. For air conditioners, look for a SEER 14 or better. For fridges, washers and dryers and other appliances, check the EnerGuide label and compare.
- I will audit my home**  
Ready to go the next step? An energy audit will tell you the best places to invest your time and money in conservation. See [www.weconserve.ca](http://www.weconserve.ca) for information on finding an EnerGuide for Houses auditor in your area.

Register your pledge online at [www.weconserve.ca](http://www.weconserve.ca)

Lighten Up is a campaign designed by the Conservation Council of Ontario (a registered charity # 118874858RR0001) and delivered through groups and businesses that are part of Ontario's conservation movement.

We Conserve is Ontario's conservation movement: all of us working together for a healthier environment and a better future. Please join us.

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