

This is a simple one! Make it a habit to shut off your lights every time you leave a room both here and at home. Don't forget to change your light bulbs at home to the compact fluorescents!

This is a tip that many of you know about! If you haven't already done so, don't forget to replace your light bulbs with CFL's (Compact fluorescent light bulbs). For each 100 watt bulb you replace with a CFL equivalent, you'll save \$100+ in electricity costs over the lifetime of each bulb. A CFL lasts up to 15 times longer. Replace just 4 light bulbs and you'll save 600 pounds of carbon emissions each year.

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Using CFL's (compact fluorescent light bulbs) makes a huge difference in energy consumption, however CFL's should include a warning regarding disposal. When a CFL is broken it should be swept into a baggie or burned and placed into a baggie sealed and taken to a hazardous waste collection site. CFL's contain a small amount of mercury and even a small amount of mercury is an issue on the environment thus they need to be handled as hazardous waste.