



The Weekly Green

Committed to Going Greener Week by Week in Campus Life

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Eco-Friendly in the Office:

Lights Off

It's true that CFLs are more expensive than standard incandescent bulbs but the savings seen in your energy bill more than makes up for the initial cost. They use less than 75% of the energy of standard bulbs and last 10 times longer.

Another nifty thing? CFLs don't produce heat, just light, leaving the bulb cool to the touch. No more fingertip burns!

In addition to replacing your standard bulbs with CFLs, try the following light-saving tips:

1. Turn personal table lights off whenever possible.
2. If using a room for a meeting, make sure to turn off lights after use. If possible, try to use natural light for the meeting.



3. When leaving the rest room (unless there is someone else in there), turn the main overhead lights off.
4. Unplug lights before you leave for the night, weekend, or vacation; a small amount of electricity is still used when a light is left plugged in.
5. Open your windows and curtains for as long and as often as possible. Sunlight fresh air will not only brighten up a room, but also put a smile on your face!

Courtesy of the Daily Green website, www.thedailygreen.com

Eco-Friendly in the Home:

Bright Ideas on How to Save Money

1. Turn off unneeded lights: Lighting your home accounts for 11% of the energy bill
2. Replace your standard bulbs with Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs): CFLs use around 75% less energy and last longer. Plus they come in all shapes and sizes!
3. Turn off your computer at night. This reduces wear and tear on your hardware and, according to the Department of Energy, will save you \$90 on your electricity bill each year.
4. Lower your water heater temperature: Just lowering from 140 to 120 degrees will reduce water costs by 6-10%!
5. Unplug unused chargers: Chargers are still using energy when they're plugged in and not charging your electronics. Only plugging in when needed will reduce the annual electric bill by up to 8%.



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"Modern technology
Owes ecology
An apology."
- Alan M. Eddison

Weekly Tasks

- Replace all standard bulbs in your office with CFLs
- Begin to turn off any lights when not in use
- Bring the idea of light saving into your home; turn off lights when you leave a room, either for the night or just for an hour

Helpful Website of the Week

<http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/>

Check out the lighting section for tips on how to save energy

Eco-Certification Trainings

- Thursday, October 16th at 10am in MGC 200
- Tuesday, October 21st at 2pm MGC 200

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