

# ENERGY-**SAVING** IDEAS

## Lowering Home-Lighting Costs

(NAPSA)—Taking a few steps to cut the cost of lighting your house could be a bright idea. In fact, about 20 percent of most Americans' electricity bill goes toward lighting the home, according to the U.S. Energy Star Web site.

That means a few simple tips could save you some green:

### **Time To Save**

Using automatic timers on lamps helps ensure the lights are out when no one's home. You can find the timers—which simply plug into the wall and have sockets that lamps plug into—at most hardware stores for less than \$10.

### **Better Bulbs**

Energy Star-qualified light-bulbs require about 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and they last up to 10 times longer. Plus, homeowners could save about \$30 in electricity costs over each bulb's lifetime.

### **Get Back To Nature**

Find ways to use natural light in your home. For instance, adding an Energy Star-qualified ODL Tubular Skylight in a room lets sunshine in and could help cut energy costs. ODL also offers a Solar Powered Dimmer for the skylight, which requires no hard wiring.

The dimmer provides complete control over the amount of natural light you allow into the home and lets homeowners install skylights in new areas of the house—such as bedrooms, living rooms, nurseries and media rooms—where an



**A new solar powered dimmer can control the amount of sunlight a skylight allows in a home.**

abundance of light isn't always ideal. The three-button remote control gives the user control over the dimmer. The shade dimmer is powered by rechargeable batteries, which are charged by an attached solar panel located in the skylight tube. The dimmer also provides two LED night-lights that the user can turn on and off with the remote.

You can purchase a combination kit that includes the dimmer and a 10-inch tubular skylight to give you energy-efficient, cost-reducing light control, day or night.

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