

# ENERGY NEWS AND NOTES

## Make A Change For The Better With ENERGY STAR® Lighting

(NAPSA)—Would you make a simple change at home if it could save you money and help protect the environment? The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been leading nationwide challenges to Americans to make the switch to ENERGY STAR lighting, and trends indicate that Americans are doing just that. Between 1999 and 2001 alone, sales of compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) quadrupled, proving that consumers are increasingly realizing the benefits of energy-efficient lighting.\*

Partnerships are key to this success. More than 140 organizations nationwide have been working with EPA's ENERGY STAR program to help further spread the word. Well-known and trusted manufacturers and retailers such as Osram Sylvania, Westinghouse, Lowe's, Wal\*Mart and even your local hardware store, are participating by educating consumers on the benefits of choosing ENERGY STAR.

Utilities from around the country also teamed up with state governments, mayors and governors to host community-based lighting events that set the stage for longer term community-wide changes to energy efficiency. From bulb giveaways to replacing light fixtures in governors' residences and other public buildings, Americans are learning that the simple effort of changing a light bulb or fixture to ENERGY STAR can have a big impact.

And now with the availability of a wide range of light bulbs and fixtures on the market, it is easier than ever for consumers to do their part by making their next light an ENERGY STAR.

Switching to ENERGY STAR will reap big benefits. Consider this:

• **Every light makes a difference:** If every U.S. household changed the lighting in one room of their home to ENERGY STAR, the change would keep one trillion



ENERGY STAR CFLs

pounds of greenhouse gases out of the air. The energy savings alone could light more than 34 million U.S. homes for one year—the equivalent output of more than 20 power plants.

• **Energy AND time savings:** ENERGY STAR qualified CFLs and light fixtures are up to 75 percent more efficient than standard lighting products. A CFL used an average of four hours a day will not need to be changed for at least four years, saving you time and money replacing the equivalent of up to 10 standard light bulbs.

• **Quick return on investment:** While initially more expensive, ENERGY STAR qualified CFLs quickly pay for themselves in reduced energy costs. These savings continue beyond the initial payback. In fact, ENERGY STAR qualified CFLs can save you \$25 or more per bulb over their lifetime.

When you see the ENERGY STAR on a product, you can trust that it meets strict energy efficiency guidelines set by the EPA and U.S. Department of Energy. There may be no place like home to make a change and help protect the environment. For more information on making a difference with ENERGY STAR, visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) or call 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7987).

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