

## One Simple Step

It's hard to imagine that there's anything that we can do in 15 minutes or less that will benefit the environment and save us money, yet there is. Simply replace six light bulbs in your house with energy-efficient compact fluorescent lights.

Compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) require about one fourth of the energy used by standard incandescent light bulbs and last up to ten times longer. Swapping six 13 watt CFLs for 60 watt incandescent bulbs saves about \$60 annually in energy costs and achieves the same lighting. Since the typical American household uses about 25 light bulbs, swapping 6 or even 12 bulbs can significantly reduce your electric bill.

A few years ago CFLs were much more expensive, but they can now be purchased for around \$1.50 each. Because fluorescent lighting uses far less energy, utilities burn less fossil fuels, reducing greenhouse gas emissions. **The US EPA estimates that if every American household replaced just 5 high-use light fixtures or the bulbs in them with compact fluorescent lights we'd collectively keep more than one trillion pounds of greenhouse gases out of the atmosphere. That's equivalent to the emissions of 8 million cars!**

Compact fluorescent lights save time, energy, money, and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

Sometimes solutions are as simple as changing a light bulb.



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