CFL Purchasing Guide

	How to Choose the right ENERGY STAR® Qualified Bulbs								
Fixtures	Table/ Floor Lamps	Pendant Fixtures	Ceiling Fixtures	Ceiling Fans	Wall Sconces	Recessed Cans	Track Lighting	Outdoor Covered	Outdoor Flood
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Bulbs									
Spiral									
Covered A-shaped									
Globe									
Tube									
Candle				Q					
Indoor Reflector				-					
Outdoor Reflector									-

How Much Light Do I Need?

To determine which ENERGY STAR qualified CFL bulbs will provide the same amount of light as your current incandescent light bulbs, consult the following chart:

Current Incandescent Bulbs (watts)	Equivalent ENERGY STAR Qualified CFLs (watts)	Both Provide Minimum Light Output (lumens)
40	9 to 13	450
60	13 to 15	800
75	18 to 25	1,100
100	23 to 30	1,600
150	30 to 52	2,600





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My Fixture Has					
A Dimmer	You will need a special dimmable CFL.				
A Three-way socket	You will need a special three-way CFL.				
An Electronic control	Check with the manufacturer of your photocell, motion sensor, or timer.				

What Color Would Work Best For My Use?									
With CFLs you have options for your white light. Light color is measured on the Kelvin scale (K). As you see below, lower numbers mean the light appears yellowish and higher numbers mean the light is whiter or bluer.									
Warm White, Soft White Standard color of incandescent bulbs.	Cool White, Bright White Good for kitchens and work spaces.	Natural or Daylight Good for reading.							
2700K 3000K	3500K 4100K	5000K 6500K							

Recycling and Disposal of CFLs



CFLs contain a small amount of mercury, therefore, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends that consumers take advantage of options for recycling CFLs rather than disposing of them in regular household trash. Many home improvement retailers now accept CFLs for recycling. Stores in your area can be located by going to the EPA website at: http://epa.gov/cfl/. Local county solid waste management agencies can also assist in locating CFL recycling options in your area.



In case of breakage of a CFL, detailed information on clean up is available on the EPA website at: http://epa.gov/cfl/.



