



Changing a Light Bulb Changes the

Partners for Affordable is supporting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in encouraging home owners in Minnesota and North Dakota to replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), which can significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save money.



CFLs are very similar to regular (incandescent) light bulbs: they fit into any regular light socket and appear alike; however, they use at least two-thirds less electricity while producing the same amount of light. Moreover, they last up to 10 times longer than regular bulbs and will save a consumer roughly \$30 in energy costs over the bulb's lifetime. They also generate up to 70 percent less heat than regular bulbs making them safer and more efficient.

"CFLs make sense for homeowners who want to save energy and money plus reduce greenhouse gases," said Marsha Kelly, Minnesota Communications Director for Partners for Affordable Energy.

According to ENERGY STAR, a cooperative program between the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy, if every American home swapped one regular bulb for a more efficient CFL, the U.S. would save enough energy to light more than 2.5 million homes for a year and prevent greenhouse gases comparable to the emissions of almost 800,000 automobiles.

Available in a variety of colors, shapes and sizes, all CFLs that are ENERGY STAR compliant have a two-year warranty. For more information regarding CFLs, visit http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=cfls.pr_cfls or go to your local hardware store.

By using a CFL, one saves money, energy and the environment, making the world — not just one room — brighter
