



Make Pittsburgh Even Cooler in March:

Change one or more
incandescent light bulbs
to compact fluorescent bulbs

Using compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) is a simple way to use electricity smarter, use less electricity and help reduce the heat trapping gases that contribute to global warming.

- **Save Energy**

Remember the Easy Bake Oven? The heat source was a simple incandescent light bulb. These bulbs are amazingly inefficient, creating more heat than light. On average, CFLs use only about 20-25 percent of the electricity of incandescent bulbs to produce the same amount of light. Replacing incandescents with CFLs decreases the amount of electricity power plants have to make and, in turn, the amount of heat trapping gases, smog, soot, and other pollution they make.

If each U.S. family replaced just one incandescent with a CFL, the electricity saved each year could light three million homes and prevent as much global warming pollution as 800,000 cars. And Pittsburgh can lead the way! If each Pittsburgh household changes just **one bulb**, we would avoid creating 24 million pounds (or 12,000 tons) of heat-trapping gases each year.

- **Save Money**

Often, CFLs may cost more than incandescent bulbs up front, but they use much less electricity, saving money in the long run. They also last much longer than incandescent bulbs, making them ideal for hard to reach fixtures. According to the federal government, a single CFL will save you an average of \$35 over its six- to eight-year lifespan, based on an electricity cost of \$0.10 per kilowatt-hour.

- **Where to Buy CFLs**

Compact fluorescent bulbs are available at stores throughout the Pittsburgh area – hardware, home supply, grocery, and other general stores. They are also available online. You may also qualify for low or reduced cost bulbs through programs from the electric utility company.

- **More questions? Talk to the local experts**

Conservation Consultants, Inc. (CCI) on the South Side are experts in the use (and disposal) of CFLs. You can reach them by phone at 412-431-4449x 202 or online at www.ccicenter.org.

- **Green jobs**

A number of local organizations are helping train and place workers in the new green economy. Contact CCI (see above), the Community College of Allegheny County (www.ccac.edu) or 412-237-3100, or one of the many local labor unions working to train and retrain workers.

- **Track your progress**

Go to our website (www.pittsburghclimate.org) and fill in the tracking form so we can measure how much we're all cutting our heat-trapping gases. No computer? No problem. Call us at 412-258-6680 or fill in one of the postcards available throughout the city.