



Dear Volunteer,

Thank you for your participation! Below you will find some useful information about the installation of CFL light bulbs. Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) use two-thirds less energy, produce the same amount of light as incandescent light bulbs and will last up to 10 times longer. Given average usage, a CFL bulb only has to be changed once every 5-7 years!

The CFL light bulbs are slightly larger than the incandescent bulbs. Size also varies with wattage; for example: 22W bulbs are larger than 9W bulbs. If a bulb is too large for a light fixture you can try a bulb with lower wattage.

We try to accommodate the homeowners and install the wattage they need. The most common bulb is the 13w (some are 15W) with a light output similar to a 60w incandescent. But we also have 9W, 18W, and 22W (some are 28 or 30w) CFL's available.

Incandescent Watts	CFL Watts
40	9
60	13-15
75	18-20
100	23-28

Careful! NO DIMMERS, NO 3-WAY, NO COVERED RECESSED CAN LIGHT FIXTURES!

We **don't provide** CFLs for dimmers, 3-way lights and flood lights. We suggest that home owners purchase those types of lights. They are available at home improvement stores like Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Lowes, 1000bulbs.com etc. To use a compact fluorescent bulb on a **dimmer switch**, you must use a bulb that's specifically made to work with dimmers (check the package for this information). **3-way lights** need a special CFL.

Compact fluorescent light bulbs may generally be used in enclosed fixtures **as long as the enclosed fixture is not recessed**. Totally enclosed recessed fixtures (for example a can light with a cover over the bulb and recessed into the ceiling) create temperatures that are too high to allow the use of a compact fluorescent bulb.

CFLs **don't work with photo cells or motion sensors**.

Compact fluorescent bulbs contain small amounts of mercury. The mercury poses no threat while in the bulb, but if you break one be careful not to inhale the mercury - immediately use a wet rag to clean it up and put all of the pieces, and the rag, into a plastic bag and seal it. CFL bulbs are categorized as household hazardous waste. CFLs should not be sent to an incinerator nor to the landfill. HOME DEPOT has a national recycling program.

WE RECYCLE THE CARDBOARD PACKAGING

PLEASE FOLD AND KEEP SEPARATE FROM CFLs!

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