Why Use Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs)?

1. **CFLs save you money.** They use approximately 66% less electricity than a standard incandescent bulb. Changing a single 60-watt incandescent light bulb to a 15-watt CFL could save you $45 in electricity costs over its life.

2. **CFLs are just as bright as standard incandescent bulbs.** The type of light produced by a CFL varies, just as an incandescent bulb’s light differs depending on brand and placement. Tests do however prove that CFLs give off as many lumens (the standard used to compare bulbs) as equivalent incandescent bulbs.

3. **CFLs reduce greenhouse gas emissions.** CFLs use less electricity which reduces emissions of greenhouse gases from electrical plants.

4. **CFLs last longer.** CFLs can last up to 10 times longer than a standard incandescent light bulb, which means fewer trips to the hardware store and fewer trips up the ladder.

5. **CFLs come in a variety of shapes and sizes.** Whatever your needs, there is a CFL for you.

6. **Choosing an ENERGY STAR® qualified CFL is important.** The ENERGY STAR® symbol means you are looking at the most energy-efficient product on the market. An ENERGY STAR® CFL means that the bulb meets strict specifications for quality, longevity and energy efficiency.

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**Turning on your porch light is just one way you can help to keep your neighbourhood a safe place to live.**

For more tips and information on how you can improve the safety of your home, family and community, check out the City of Saskatoon’s Safe at Home Booklet available at:

[www.saskatoon.ca](http://www.saskatoon.ca) (click on ‘N’ for Neighbourhood Safety)

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HELP CREATE A SAFER AND SECURE NEIGHBOURHOOD

The City of Saskatoon’s Porch Light Initiative is designed to help promote the feeling of safety and security in a neighbourhood through the use of lighting. Research has shown that lighting remains an effective deterrent to criminal activity by increasing the feeling of surveillance or perception that ‘people are watching’.

Participation in the Porch Light Initiative simply involves turning your porch lights ON nightly from dusk to dawn, and encouraging those in your neighbourhood to do the same.

To conserve energy and reduce costs, the City of Saskatoon encourages residents to install ENERGY STAR® qualified compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) in their front porch light fixtures.

BENEFITS OF THE PORCH LIGHT INITIATIVE

Participating in the Porch Light Initiative positively impacts your neighbourhood in the following ways:

- Creates a lived-in and welcoming appearance to your home.
- Increases the perception of safety to residents and visitors.
- Reduces the opportunity for criminal activity and inappropriate street behaviour.
- Enhances the appearance of your neighbourhood at night by adding ambient lighting.

PORCH LIGHT INITIATIVE TIPS

- Always keep the area around your doors and windows well lit.
- Install a wire basket around any outdoor light bulbs so they cannot be removed or damaged.
- Place a sticker by the light switch to serve as a reminder to turn the lights on at night, and to turn them off in the morning. Alternatively, install timers on exterior lights so that lights turn on and shut off automatically.
- Leave your porch light on all night (it costs about 11 cents a month for a 5W compact fluorescent bulb).
- Keep trees and shrubs trimmed back from windows, doors and walkways.