

The difference a **bulb** makes

Just how much difference does choosing a different kind of light bulb make on how much you spend on energy? Here's a quick comparison of key stats about incandescent, compact fluorescent (CFU, and light-emitting diode (LED) bulbs.



	INCANDESCENT	CFL	LED
Brightness	800 lumens	840 lumens	840 lumens
Energy used	60 watts	13 watts	9 watts
Cost per bulb*	\$1.49	\$2.49	\$1.37
Yearly energy cost**	\$7.55	\$1.64	\$1.13
Estimated lifespan	1.8 years (2,000 hours)	11 years (12,000 hours)	13 years (15,000 hours)
Total cost over 10 years	\$83.78	\$18.89	\$12.67

*Prices quoted all come from the same large retailer for comparably sized and style bulbs.

**Assumes use of three hours per day at an average public power bundled rate of 11.5 cents per kWh.

