



Change Your Lightbulbs!

Organizer Notes:

- Consider displaying a variety of CFLs during social hour. Have people on hand to answer questions about their experiences with CFLs, since many folks have been deterred by stories about the quality of the light, the availability of bulbs to fit particular fixtures and uses, mercury, etc.
- If possible, set up a collection bin for spent CFLs, and find a volunteer to deliver them to the recycling center on a regular basis.
- Point out that this is an action that renters as well as homeowners can take on. Accept donations to help defray the cost of bulbs for students, the elderly, and others who may need assistance.
- You may be able to buy bulbs in bulk at a discount, then sell them for the regular price (raising money for those who can't afford them), or pass along the savings (encouraging people to purchase and use more CFLs than they would otherwise be able to), or donate them to members who will put them to use.
- Set up a "Bright Ideas" bulletin board where members of your congregation can post descriptions of things they've done to save electricity, for others to read and be inspired.
- Encourage your building manager/team to install CFLs wherever possible, and to report the energy/cost savings to the congregation.

"Incandescent bulbs are actually little toasters that also give off a little light and a lot of waste heat (~90 percent of the electricity they consume is converted to heat), increasing your air conditioning bill, too."

(Rocky Mountain Institute brief)