

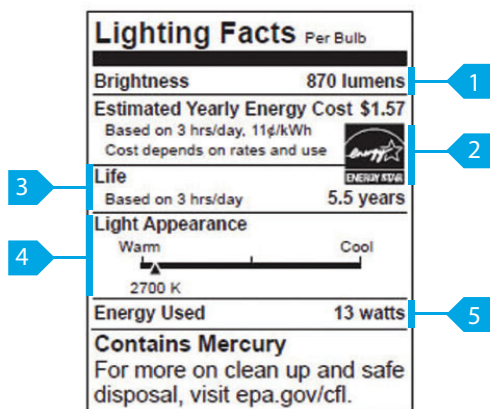


Light Bulb Buying Guide

Buying a new light bulb involves a lot more choices than it used to. Use this chart to help you read a light bulb label and navigate the differences between the bulbs.

INCANDESCENT	HALOGEN	CFL	LED
			
Once the standard, now it's only used for specialty bulbs.	It's a good incandescent replacement, but produces a lot of heat.	It's a cost effective, energy efficient bulb, but contains mercury.	Best bulb available, due to its long life and low energy usage.

HOW TO READ A LIGHT BULB LABEL



LUMENS: This measures a bulb's brightness. Instead of Watts, use Lumens to measure the brightness of the bulb.

 Incandescent Bulb	 Lumen Equivalent
100 Watts	1,600 Lumens
75 Watts	1,100 Lumens
60 Watts	800 Lumens
40 Watts	450 Lumens

MORE LUMENS = MORE LIGHT



ENERGY STAR LOGO:
If the logo is present, the bulb meets certain requirements for efficiency, lifetime and quality.

LIFE:
Based on 3 hours of use per day.

Incandescent	1 Year
Halogen	1-3 Years
CFL	6-10 Years
LED	15-25 Years

LIGHT APPEARANCE: The color of the light, measured in Kelvin (K).

2700 K	3000 K	3500 K	4100 K	5000 K	6500 K
					
Warm White: Good for living rooms or bedrooms.	Cool White: Good for kitchens and workspaces.				Daylight: Good for reading.

ENERGY USED: Watts tell how much energy the bulb is using.

72 W or 23 W or 20 W = 1,600 Lumens

Halogen CFL LED Lumens