

A word about efficiency...

There has always been some confusion about how much light you get from the different types of light bulb and how much energy they consume.

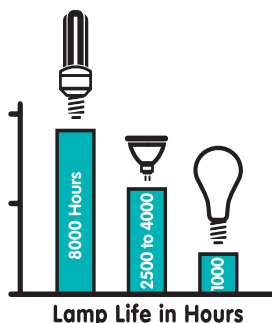
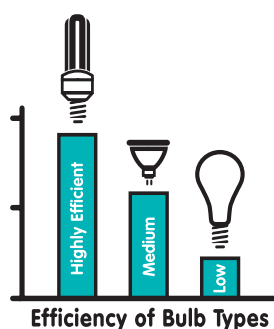
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watts of power to generate the same light as a normal 60 watt light bulb and they

last up to eight times longer. There is no doubt at all that they save you money over

the life of the lamp. A halogen bulb uses about half the energy of a conventional light bulb to generate the same amount of light.

A recent breakthrough in technology has resulted in the appearance of



very bright LED lights. These are very small but relatively bright for their size and have a life often in excess of 50,000 hours.

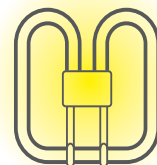
They are yet to appear in any number in domestic lighting but it is only a matter of time.

Lightbulb types

Low energy and fluorescent bulbs

(contain gases in a tube but have no filament)

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There is no doubt at all that they can save you up to 80% on your electricity bill over the life of the lamp, which can last for up to 5 years (10,000 hours). Naturally, if you are using less electricity, you need to generate less electricity and this reduces greenhouse gases,