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CFLs Are Better

In addition to saving energy and saving money, there are many other great reasons to purchase compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs).

CFLs fit almost any lighting fixture in your home and come in different sizes and shapes. Many are identical to an incandescent bulb. They're also available for indoor and outdoor uses.

You have a choice of CFLs that can produce varying shades of white light. Most on the market today produce a soft, warm glow. They are comparable to an incandescent bulb and enhance the warmer color of your home.

Others available emit a "bright white" light and enhance the cooler colors of your surroundings.

Pepco Offers More Ways To Save

Pepco wants to help you save energy, save money and save the environment.

We're discounting the price of select ENERGY STAR® qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) for our Maryland customers. You'll save \$1.50 on each single bulb, and \$3 on multipacks when you shop at The Home Depot and Costco stores participating in Maryland.

Maryland customers should note that a minimal surcharge will be added to electric bills starting in January to pay for the cost of this program. Pepco makes no profit from this offering. For the typical customer who uses 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month, the surcharge will amount to about 4.6 cents per month.

Because CFLs use about 75 percent less energy and last up to 10 times longer than standard bulbs, you'll save energy and money in the long run. When compared to a standard incandescent, a CFL saves about \$42 over the life of the bulb*.

And since CFLs use less energy, they're good for the environment. That means you use less power for the same light. If everyone uses less power then power plants generate less electricity, which reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

Lighting accounts for up to 20 percent of your home's energy bill. So take advantage of our discount program and start saving energy and money now with compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Visit www.pepco.com for store locations and more information.

* A 15-watt CFL used in place of a standard 60-watt incandescent based on current rates.

Take the Pledge

Pepco has made a commitment to do our part to save energy and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Join us and take the ENERGY STAR Change a Light Pledge to change at least one light bulb at home to an energy-efficient one. Log on to www.pepco.com and help us reach our goal of 10,000 pledges.

Become An Energy Star!

Pepco is a proud partner in the national ENERGY STAR campaign -- a jointly-sponsored program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy to protect the environment through awareness of energy-efficiency.

Since its inception in 1992, ENERGY STAR has become a trusted symbol for consumers seeking information on energy conservation practices and products.

When shopping for appliances, look for the ENERGY STAR logo. It's your assurance you're purchasing a quality energy-efficient product.

Check out the ENERGY STAR Web site at www.energystar.gov.

Signs on Utility Poles Pose Safety Hazard

Signs and banners posted on utility poles pose a safety hazard for utility line workers who may have to climb poles to restore power or perform routine maintenance work.

Even when signs are removed, nails, staples and fasteners often remain. They pose a risk of a trip or fall. Moreover, the sharp edges can tear protective gear, exposing workers to electrical shock.

Also, posting signs on utility poles is illegal in most areas of the country, including Pepco's service territory.

Thanks for helping keep the people who keep the lights on safe.

Enjoy the Holidays Safely

The winter holiday season is here, and that means that many of us will be decorating and entertaining in our homes. Let's remember to do it safely. Here are some electrical and fire safety tips to keep in mind:



- If you are decorating outside, make absolutely sure you or any objects you may be carrying, such as a ladder, do not come into contact with a power line.

- Use holiday decorations made of flame resistant, flame retardant, non-combustible material.

- When using a live or cut tree, be sure to check the water level daily.

- Before using decorations that require electricity, inspect them and replace any that are frayed or damaged.

- Do not overload extension cords.

- Keep candles away from trees, decorations or other items that can catch fire.

- Turn off all string lights and other decorations that use electricity before going to bed or leaving home.

- Make sure smoke alarms are in good working order.

For more electrical safety tips, visit www.pepco.com and click on the "Safety & Conservation" link.

A Special Note about Candle Safety

Pepco does not recommend the use of candles. Every year candles are responsible for thousands of home fires, some of which sadly result in injuries and death.

Still, we recognize that many people enjoy their use, particularly during the winter holidays. If you do use candles, please follow these guidelines:

- Use flashlights and/or battery-powered lanterns instead of candles during a power outage.

- Do not use candles in children's rooms.

- Keep candles a minimum of one foot away from flammable material, such as curtains, furniture, books and clothing.

- Do not use them anywhere near flammable liquids.

- Extinguish all candles before leaving a room, leaving home or going to sleep.

