

## Energy Awareness Month Replacing Incandescent Lighting

If every North Carolinian replaced at least one of the incandescent light bulbs in his home with a compact fluorescent bulb, North Carolina would save \$15 million in annual energy costs and conserve enough energy to light more than 86,000 homes for a year. What a great way to celebrate October as “Energy Awareness Month!”

North Carolina state government is mandated by legislation to reduce energy use for state buildings by 20 percent before 2010 and 30 percent by 2015. [N.C. Senate Bill 668](#) includes a mandate that requires all incandescent lighting in state-owned buildings to be replaced with energy efficient CFL or light-emitting diode, or LED, lighting by Dec. 31, 2009.

The cost and energy savings earned by the complete phase-out of incandescent lighting throughout our state-owned facilities would go a long way to helping us reach these energy reduction goals.

Please join these vital efforts during “Energy Awareness Month” and use October as a catalyst for your own energy-saving initiatives. Start by visiting <http://changealightnc.org/> and take the “Change a Light, Change the World” pledge. This site also offers valuable information on CFL giveaways and proper disposal of these bulbs. The N.C. Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance developed a [Web site devoted to fluorescent lights](#).

Whether in your state-owned office building, at home or both, please take a step toward energy efficiency this October.