

## Turn off lights when you leave the room

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**Why?** In an average home, lighting accounts for nearly 9% of electricity costs. Turning lights off when you're not in the room is a simple way for you to make a dent in your utility bill.

**How it works:**

- **You save energy whenever you turn off a light.** Light bulbs use only a small amount of extra energy to "start up." So it's almost always energy efficient to turn them off when they're not in use.

**Things to think about:**

- Make it a habit to turn lights off each time you leave a room.
- Before you go to sleep, walk through your home and shut off any forgotten lights.
- To help get into the habit, try leaving eye-catching reminders near your lights and doorways.
- Encourage other family members to turn off their lights as well. This is a great way for young children to do their part to save energy.

### Tip Details



Save up to \$70 per year