

# HOME EXPRESSIONS HOME

## New lightbulbs can turn home energy efficient

If someone magically changed every light in your house to an energy efficient one overnight, it might take you a while to

notice. Without looking behind the shades, it is difficult to tell most energy-saving bulbs from regular ones.

When it comes to saving energy with home lighting, the best

place to begin is with your own two hands.

Turning off lights when they are not needed, and passing this example on to your children, promotes good energy

saving habits.

Obviously, we still need lighting a good deal of the time, and there have been major changes to the standard light bulb in recent years.

People are now becoming familiar with the new energy saving incandescent, compact fluorescent and halogen bulbs that are on the market.

### Energy Saving Incandescents

Switching to energy saving incandescents is an excellent way to begin saving energy and money. They look the same as any standard light bulb, and in many stores, cost about the same to purchase.

They are available in 34, 52, 90 and 135 watts, and are used to replace 40, 60, 100 and 150 watt standard incandescents. Energy saving incandescent bulbs are suitable for outdoor use and are compatible with dimmer switches.

So how about the energy savings with these bulbs? Over its 1,000 hour lifetime, a single 100 watt bulb will consume 100 kWh of energy, costing you about \$7.50.

A 90 watt bulb uses about \$6.75 in energy, and that represents a savings of about \$1.50 on a two bulb pack! This may not sound like a lot, but can add up in the many lighting fixtures found throughout your home.

### Compact Fluorescent Bulbs

Compact Fluorescents put out as much and sometimes more of the same natural, attractive light as a comparable incandescent bulb, but use up to 70 percent less energy. In each home, there are probably two to four light fixtures perfectly suited for compact fluorescent lamps. These bulbs are best used in places where lights are used for long periods (3 hours or more per day), or places fixtures that are difficult to reach. Keep in mind, though, they cannot be used with dimmer switches, and some are restricted to indoor use only. They last up to 10 times longer, so they don't need to be changed very often. Ontario Hydro is offering a \$5 rebate on the purchase of compact fluorescents until the end of 1992.

Your local retailer has coupons to send in for the rebate.

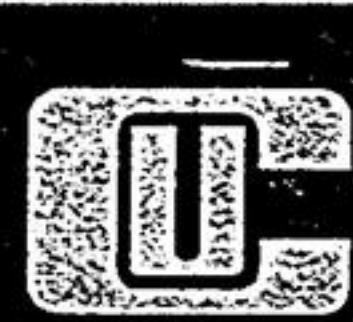
### Halogen Bulbs

The light output of a halogen bulb is similar to incandescents, but the halogen bulbs use up to 40 percent less electricity. The 45 and 90 watt halogen PAR lamps replace standard 75 and 150 watt spot and flood lamps.

Halogens are ideal for track lighting, pot lights, recessed down lights and outdoor security lighting.

Ontario Hydro is also offering a \$3 rebate on the purchase of halogen PAR lamps until the end of 1992.

For booklets or more information on other energy saving lighting ideas, contact your local utility or Ontario Hydro office.



Markham Stouffville  
Community  
Credit Union

Mortgages for Home Improvements



Credit Union

We make banking friendly!

MARKHAM

4560 Hwy. #7

940-1147

OPEN 9 AM TO 5 PM MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY

9 AM TO 7 PM THURSDAY & FRIDAY

9 AM TO 1 PM SATURDAY

STOUFFVILLE

6245 Main St.

640-2811

## ROANE'S

PAINT & WALLPAPER  
1 DOUGLAS ROAD  
(Bank of Nova Scotia Plaza) Uxbridge, Ont.  
852-5315



We will meet all competitors prices on paint of equal quality and value.



Now Open  
Thurs. & Fri.  
nights till 8 p.m.

### New Location Sale

40% off MSRP

Selected Wallpaper Book Orders  
50+ books to choose from.

Para Interior Paints

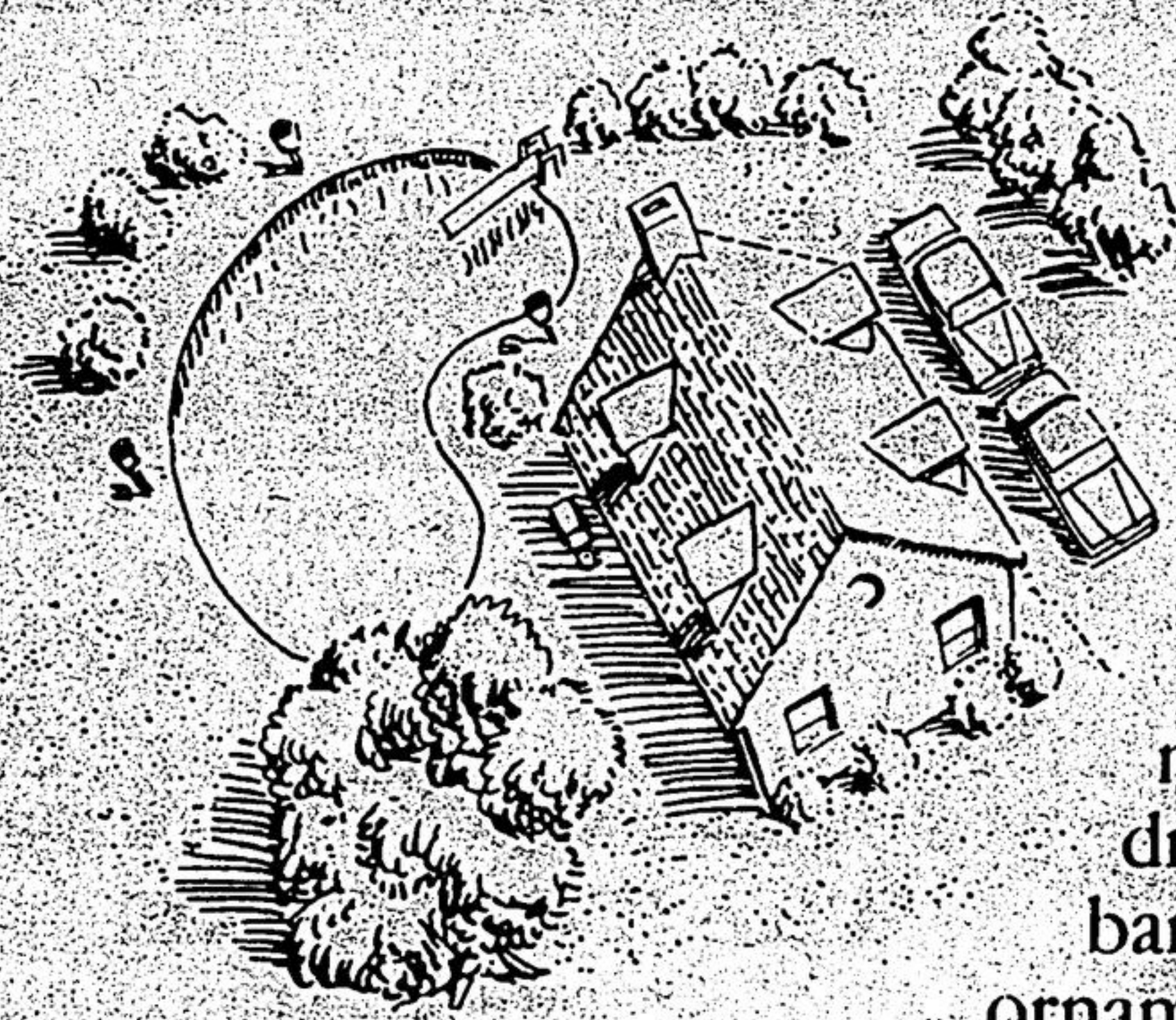
Come in & see us for expert advice & great prices on top of the line paints.



Kurt Roane

## NATURAL GAS FOR MODERN LIVING

# A fuel for all reasons



Where available, natural gas is the overwhelming choice for home heating and hot water. And, there are many other reasons for using natural gas.

Discover the versatility, economy and superior performance of natural gas for cooking, clothes drying, space heating and fireplaces, barbecuing, pool heating - even ornamental outdoor lighting.

Make natural gas part of your plans. Make it part of your lifestyle.



Consumers Gas

500 Elgin Mills Rd. E.

Richmond Hill 1-800-361-0621