



# TOTAL HOME

## Compact Fluorescents

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(NC)-Hydro-Québec, always on the lookout for new ways of saving energy, recommends replacing conventional incandescent lightbulbs with compact fluorescents, both indoors and out.

### Consumption

- Compact fluorescent bulbs save on electricity used for home lighting. They use up to 75% less power than an equivalent conventional incandescent bulb.
- A 25-W compact fluorescent, which provides about the same light as an ordinary 100-W bulb, will save you about \$5.80 a year when used three hours a day outdoors.
- Indoors, the savings would be approximately \$2 per year per incandescent bulb replaced. Why? Because the compact fluorescent gives off less heat, which is recovered in winter. You'll still gain by replacing as many bulbs as possible in your home, however.

### Service life

- Compact fluorescents can last up to 10,000 hours, in contrast to the 1,000 hours of a conventional incandescent bulb. So a compact fluorescent is 10 times as efficient.
- Some less expensive compact fluorescents have a service life of 4,000-6,000 hours.

### Other advantages

- Since a fluorescent can last 10,000 hours, it is especially suitable for hard-to-reach fixtures.
- Compact fluorescent bulbs need to be changed less often, so less waste is generated.

### Tips

- It's important to choose compact fluorescents with the right power rating if you want to save electricity. You should begin by replacing the bulbs you use most often and for the longest time.
- Also, to maximize the service life of compact fluorescents, you should avoid switching them on and off within a short space of time. Leave them on or off for at least 10-15 minutes at a time.
- Using long-life incandescent bulbs is not recommended because they use more energy to give off the same amount of light.

You can find out how much this solution would save you by completing the ENERGY WISE Home Diagnostic. Call 1-800-363-7443, or (514) 363-7443 in the Montréal region, for your questionnaire or go to [www.hydroquebec.com/residential](http://www.hydroquebec.com/residential) to do the online Diagnostic and obtain your recommendations report immediately.

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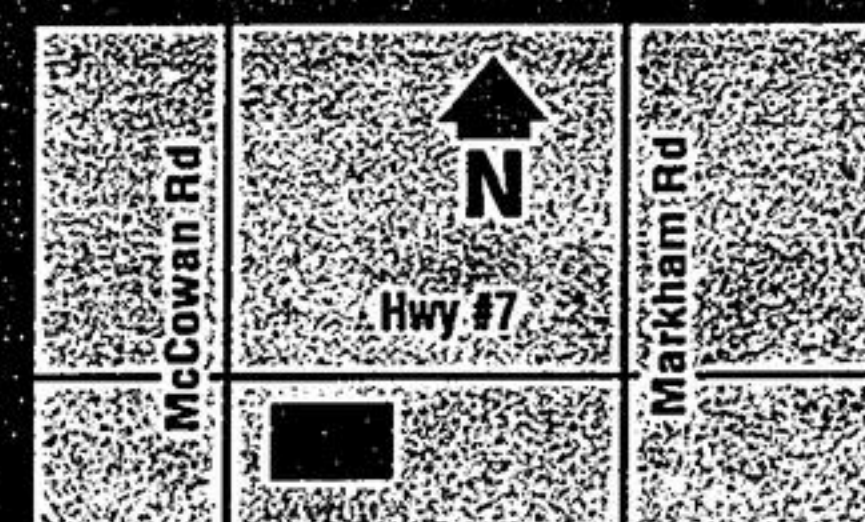
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