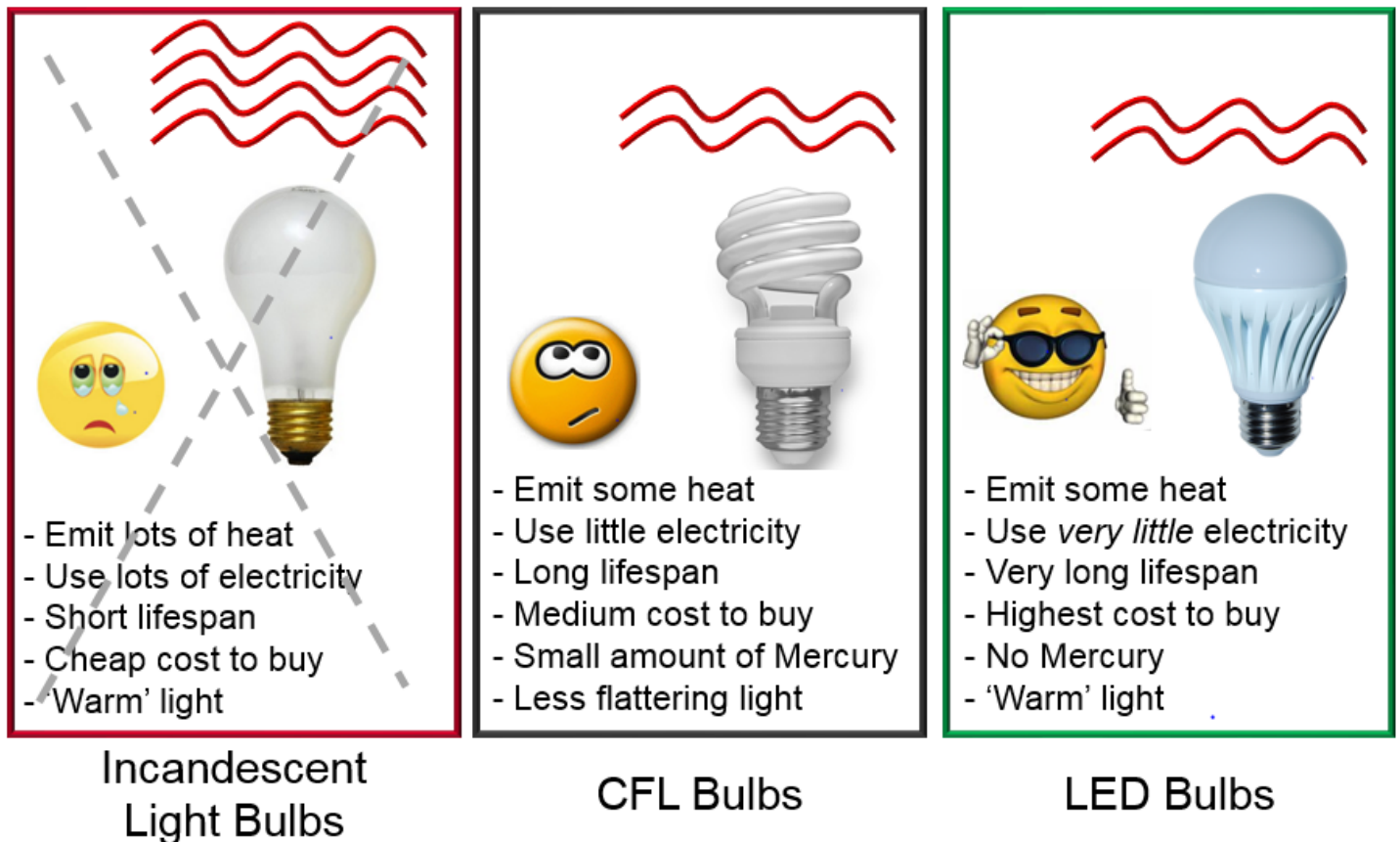


## Want to Keep the Lights On? You'll Need to Choose Your Bulb Type!



Incandescent light bulbs are being phased out due to *very low efficiency* at turning electricity into light. Replacement types last far longer, and use far less electricity – saving \$ over time.

- **Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) Bulbs**
- **Light Emitting Diode (LED) Bulbs**

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Incandescent light bulbs are being phased out since alternate lighting technologies use *far less* energy, saving users' money and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by utility companies.

Alternate bulb types use different technologies:

- Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs
- Light Emitting Diode (LED) bulbs

To help you decide which type is best for you, articles:

- CFL vs. LED bulbs - [here](#)
- A comparison of LED bulb brands - [here](#)

When choosing a bulb type, the color of its light is a key consideration: Many people prefer the warm white/yellow light of incandescent bulbs. If that's you, look for bulbs with a **2700K color temperature**. For example, GE Reveal LED bulbs emit light at 2700K color temperature and are getting good reviews (read [here](#)).



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If you prefer a whiter light, look for bulbs that have a higher color temperature: 3000K <-> 5000K. More info [here](#). However, note: The light emitted by some bulbs with high color temperatures (3000K <-> 5000K) may have a bluish cast. You may want to explore the bulb type demo booth at a home center.

While CFL and LED bulbs cost more than incandescent bulbs to purchase, CFLs and LEDs use *far less* electricity and last *far longer*. In fact, some bulb manufacturers give a 10 year bulb warranty. You may want to consider this when deciding which brand to buy.

Overall, using CFL and LED bulbs leads to *appreciable savings in the long run*.

CFL and LED bulbs are available from Home Depot, Lowes, Amazon, etc.

Lastly, if you're unsure if LEDs are worth the money, consider that cities across the US are switching street lamps to LED bulbs (Look [here](#) and [here](#)) due to the long-run savings they provide.