



Take the ENERGY STAR **Change a Light** Pledge

Change just one light and see how a small step can make a big difference.

Greetings! Thanks to your hard work, more than 1.1 million individuals have taken the ENERGY STAR Change a Light pledge to change at least one light in their home or organization to one that has earned the government's ENERGY STAR for energy efficiency. These pledges represent more than 3.1 million bulbs being changed across this nation. Through your efforts, Americans across the country are using energy more efficiently and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by making this simple change! This is a great first step in the fight against global warming, but there is more we can do!

Did you know that households account for 15% of total energy consumption in the United States? This is the energy used to light, heat, and cool our homes and power appliances and the increasing array of consumer electronics that make our lives easier. Because energy generation and use impacts the environment through the release of greenhouse gas emissions, it's more important than ever to help consumers reduce energy use at home.

ENERGY STAR has additional tools available to help your customers, members, and employees reduce energy usage this winter, not only for improved comfort, but to the benefit of the environment and save on their energy bills. With your help we can make an even bigger difference!

- **ENERGY STAR Home Advisor:** Consumers can get customized recommendations for improving energy efficiency and comfort at home by using EPA's new online [ENERGY STAR Home Advisor](#). By entering their ZIP code and some basic information about the types of fuel used to heat and cool their home, homeowners can see recommended home improvement projects that will reduce energy use and improve comfort. Users will also be able to calculate the average energy savings and reduced greenhouse gas emissions associated with these improvements. Common recommendations include sealing air leaks and ducts; adding insulation; installing a programmable thermostat; replacing older heating, cooling, and water heating equipment with more efficient units; as well as changing lighting, appliances and windows to ENERGY STAR qualified models. By making these improvements, consumers can reduce their energy bills by up to 25 percent.

For more information about the ENERGY STAR Home Advisor, please contact Jonathan Passe at passe.jonathan@epa.gov.

- **ENERGY STAR @ Home:** The interactive [ENERGY STAR @ Home Tool](#), now dressed for cooler weather, takes homeowners on a on a room-by-room tour of a virtual home and offers energy saving tips and advice for the entire home. Currently featured are seasonal tips for efficiently heating and keeping your home warm this fall and winter. Homeowners are also encouraged to share their stories about how they have made their homes more energy efficient in our "Tell Us How You Save" feature section. These stories are compiled and posted on a regular basis with the intent of helping others learn what they can do in their homes to save.

For more information on hosting or linking to this tool, please contact Denise Durrett at durrett.denise@epa.gov.

As always, thanks for all your support!

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