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Energy-Efficient Holiday Lighting

Did you know that holiday lighting can add more than \$100 dollars to your electric bill in less than 30 days? You can be festive and energy efficient by replacing standard holiday lighting with LED (light emitting diodes), compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs, and mini-lights. They will provide the same level of holiday cheer, at a significantly lower cost.

LEDs provide high quality, durable, and safe lighting with low energy consumption. They come in a wide variety of colors, can be strung in long lengths and when one bulb burns out, the entire strand keeps working, making replacement easy.

Mini-lights are very popular and consume 0.4 watts, come in long lengths for in and outdoor use, with many colors to suit any festive need. You will also find CFLs, with a mini-base, to fit into candelabras and small holiday displays providing bright, warm light.

Information about holiday lighting, and other energy-saving tips for your home and business can be found by visiting the New York Energy \$martSM website, <http://www.GetEnergySmart.org>, by calling 1-877-NY-SMART or contacting Cornell Cooperative Extension of Greene County at 518-622-9820.

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