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The easy way to switch to LEDs — focus on the five most-used light bulbs in your home

Use Energy Trust of Oregon's online tool to choose the best bulb

PORTLAND, Ore. — November 8, 2017 — As the days get shorter and darker, Oregonians will have to keep the lights on longer, which makes fall the perfect time to replace old light bulbs with energy-efficient LEDs to save money and energy. The average U.S. household has around 50 light bulbs, so that undertaking might sound difficult, but a good place to start is by replacing your five most-used bulbs with ENERGY STAR® LEDs. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, homeowners who replace their five most frequently used light fixtures can save \$75 each year.

The five most frequently used bulbs are usually in the kitchen, family or living room, bathroom or entryway. Energy Trust of Oregon offers an easy, interactive online tool to help people find the right bulb for each room. Want better lighting over the bathroom mirror? Go with a globe LED. Need to be able to see in the dark while grilling outside? Check out an outdoor LED flood light. For more bulb suggestions, head to www.energytrust.org/lightbulb on a computer, tablet or smartphone.

“When you’re upgrading to new efficient LEDs, it’s a good time to experiment with different lighting color tones,” said Katie Wallace, residential spokesperson, Energy Trust. “ENERGY STAR LEDs come in warm white, soft white, cool white and daylight color tones. If you buy a replacement bulb that ends up being too warm or cool for that space, try switching it to a different area.”

Energy-efficient LEDs are available at discounted prices at many retailers throughout the state. Look for the Energy Trust logo in stores near you to find bulbs that qualify. Discounts are automatic and included in the price.

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