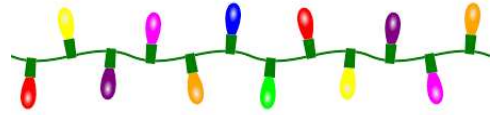


Holiday Lighting - Holiday Savings

Whether yours twinkle in multiple colors or sparkle in all white, holiday lights are a must-use element in nearly all homeowner's seasonal decorating schemes. And those lights—once reserved for the tree—have migrated to both inside and outside the home, from mantels to eaves, windows, trees and shrubs.



While LED lights cost less to operate and last longer than incandescent lights, most holiday lights are still powered by incandescent light sources. That's changing, thanks to the wider availability of LED holiday lights. In addition to a longer life, LED holiday lights can make an instant impact for everyone by decreasing utility bills and providing a safer light source. The Environmental Protection Agency reports that the U.S. uses 2.22 million kilowatt hours of electricity each year to power miniature holiday lights—or enough electricity for 1,300 homes for a year.

According to the Department of Energy (DOE), LED holiday lights have an estimated lifespan of 40 holiday seasons and are more resistant to breakage—thanks to epoxy lenses—than incandescent versions. But the real impact comes from the cost of electricity. Here's how the different light sources affect consumption and expenses:

| Electricity cost for a 6-foot tree | 12 hours a day 40 days | After 10 seasons |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Incandescent C-9 lights | \$10.00 | \$122.19 |
| LED C-9 lights | \$ 0.27 | \$ 17.99 |
| Incandescent Mini-lights | \$ 2.74 | \$ 55.62 |
| LED Mini-lights | \$ 0.82 | \$ 33.29 |

It's important to remember that temporary holiday lighting and decorations do not require approval if lights and decorations are installed not more than five (5) weeks prior and removed within 2 weeks after the holiday. Thank you for your cooperation and Happy Holidays!!!