LIGHT BULBS

See The Light Among Different Bulbs

Time for an illuminating look at a basic household item: light bulbs:

Incandescent: Burn hotter than most other types so they use more energy. Average life: 750 to 1,000 hours.

Halogen (also called tungsten-halogen filament incandescent): A small capsule filled with halogen gas provides the bulb with its bright light. Uses less energy and is generally more expenseive than an incandescent bulb. Halogens have been known to be fire-starters. Average life: 2,000 to 3,000 hours.

General service fluorescent: Emits less heat - and is more energy efficient - than an incandescent bulb. Because of its long thin profile, this type of bulb is commonly used for under-cabinet lighting and on garage work benches. Average life: 10,000 to 20,000 hours.

Compact fluorescent bulb: Gives off as much light as a regular incandescent bulb, but requires far less energy. A 15-watt compact fluorescent bulb produces about the same light as a 60 watt incandescent bulb. Average life: About 10,000 hours.