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Energy Conservation Tip

Making improvements to your lighting is one of the fastest ways to cut your energy bills. An average household dedicates 11% of its energy budget to lighting. Using new lighting technologies can reduce lighting energy use in your home by 50% to 75%. Advances in lighting controls offer further energy savings by reducing the amount of time lights are on but not being used.

Indoor Lighting Tips:

- Use task lighting; instead of brightly lighting an entire room, focus the light where you need it. For example, use fluorescent under-cabinet lighting for kitchen sinks and countertops under cabinets.
- Consider three-way lamps; they make it easier to keep lighting levels low when brighter light is not necessary.

Outdoor Lighting Tips:

- Use outdoor lights with a photocell unit or motion sensor so they will turn on only at night or when someone is present. A combined photocell and motion sensor will increase your energy savings even more.
- Exterior lighting is one of the best places to use CFLs (Compact Florescent Lights) because of their long life.
- Also consider HID (High-intensity Discharge) or low-pressure sodium lights.

Interesting Fact

● **Of the five original members of the Beach Boys, only one had ever surfed – drummer Dennis Wilson, who later drowned while swimming.**

Quoteable Quote

“The key to knowledge isn’t filling your head with lots of information. It’s knowing where to go for the answers.”

Dr. Albert Einstein



Flag Displaying Etiquette

- It is customary to display the flag from sunrise to sunset on all days the weather permits. However, the flag may be displayed for 24 hours as long as at night it is properly illuminated with a spotlight.
- When displaying the flag either vertically or horizontally against a wall, the stars should be placed at the top of the flag’s right and to the observer’s left.
- The flag should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of states, localities, or societies are grouped in display. The flag of the United States is always the first flag raised and the last to be lowered.
- The U.S. flag when carried in a precession with another or other flags, should be either on the marching right (the flag’s own right) or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line. Never display the U.S. flag from a float except from a staff, or so suspended that its folds fall free as though staffed.