

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

LED VS. INCANDESCENT (TRADITIONAL) LIGHTS



LED Lights:

PROS:

LED lights use less energy than incandescent lights. Because of their energy efficiency, LED Christmas lights have very minimal effect on your electricity bill. From an environmental standpoint, this is good news: when less energy is consumed, less carbon dioxide is produced. With over 4,000 hours of life, LED bulbs are hands down more durable than incandescent lights. You don't have to purchase replacement bulbs or light strings for your Christmas trees because LED lights do not burn out as quickly as incandescent lights.

CONS:

Older versions of LED lights are less bright than standard lights. Because of this, more light strings may be required to achieve the brightness which incandescent lights provide. They are also more expensive than the traditional Christmas lights. Per string, most LED Christmas lights have less bulbs than their counterpart, which means that you are likely to buy (and spend) more when you choose LEDs.

Incandescent Lights:

PROS:

Incandescent lights can be brighter or softer than LED lights. There are also typically more bulbs per strand, which contributes to the overall intensity. When it comes to price, standard Christmas lights are much cheaper to buy than LED Christmas lights. You save money since you don't need to purchase additional strands.

CONS:

They burn out faster. You might need to replace bulbs more frequently over the holidays because standard lights are not designed to last a long time. Although it may seem like you have saved some cash on traditional lights, you are actually negating your savings by purchasing replacements. Incandescent Christmas lights consume more energy. Every additional kilowatt hour your Christmas lights burn add to your electricity bill.