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Stanford turns to students to save energy

Looking to save energy, Stanford University is in the process of distributing 7,000 compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) to students returning to campus for the beginning of the fall academic quarter this week.

University officials say it is the largest energy conservation of its kind at an American university.

"If every Stanford student were to replace a 60-watt incandescent bulb with a 13-watt CFL, annual savings would amount to 450,000 kilowatts of electricity, 220,000 pounds of carbon emissions and \$50,000 in utility costs," according to Nik Kaestner, sustainability and utilities coordinator for student housing.

The university already has CFLs in ceiling lights in student rooms and hallways. The new program encourages students to use the bulbs in their desk lamps, too.

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