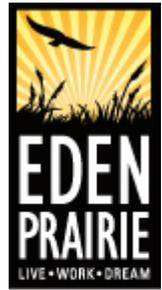


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## MAYOR PHIL YOUNG CELEBRATES ENERGY STAR® CHANGE A LIGHT DAY

Eden Prairie, Minn. — In an effort to help save energy, money, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, Mayor Young is encouraging citizens of Eden Prairie to celebrate **Wednesday, October 3, 2007 as ENERGY STAR Change a Light Day**, with a pledge to change at least one light at home to an energy-efficient model.

Citizens are encouraged to switch to light fixtures or bulbs that have earned the ENERGY STAR label, which designates products that meet strict energy efficiency criteria, set by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Lighting accounts for nearly 20 percent of the average home's electric bill. ENERGY STAR qualified light bulbs use at least 75% less energy than standard bulbs and last up to ten times longer. If every household in Eden Prairie acts through this Pledge to change just one bulb, together we would save over 6 million kWh of electricity per year, resulting in an annual total savings of over \$577,000 in energy costs while also preventing almost 9 million pounds of greenhouse gas emissions each year.

"Switching to energy-efficient lighting is an easy step we can each take to make a difference for our energy resources and our environment, all while saving money on energy bills today," said Mayor Young. "I am asking you to take the ENERGY STAR Change a Light Pledge with me to replace at least one incandescent bulb with an ENERGY STAR qualified light bulb."

Eden Prairie residents can take the Pledge at [energystar.gov/changealight](http://energystar.gov/changealight) or visit [edenprairie.org](http://edenprairie.org) for more information. Businesses and organizations can also show their commitment to energy efficiency and help to spread the word by posting a link to the Pledge on their own websites.

Mayor Phil Young is joining with the DOE, EPA, Department of Housing and Urban Development, federal government and mayors from across the country to celebrate ENERGY STAR Change a Light Day and bring attention to the critical importance of using energy wisely at home. This commemorative day is the official kickoff of the national ENERGY STAR *Change a Light, Change the World Campaign* to encourage Americans to take simple actions at home to help preserve our energy resources and reduce the risks of global climate change. The national educational campaign is run in partnership with hundreds of retail stores, manufacturers, energy efficiency organizations, and state and territory governments. This annual campaign encourages Americans to be energy aware on ENERGY STAR Change a Light Day — and all year long.

The City of Eden Prairie is a vibrant community of more than 60,000 people located just southwest of Minneapolis. Eden Prairie has been nationally recognized as a great place live, work and raise a family. In 2006, MONEY Magazine named Eden Prairie the 10<sup>th</sup> "Best Place to Live" in America.

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