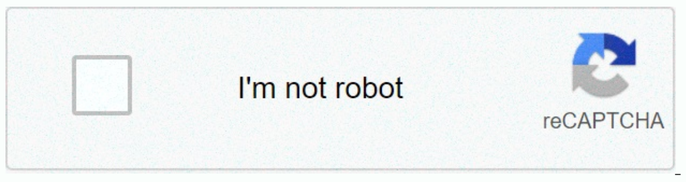


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Before the invention of the light bulb, illuminating the world after dark was a messy, arduous and dangerous task. It took a bunch of candles or torches to completely illuminate a good-sized room, and oil lamps, although quite effective, tended to leave a remnant of soot on anything in their general vicinity. When the science of electricity really went on in the mid-1800s, inventors around the world were loudly calling for a practical and affordable electric lighting device for the home. The Englishman Sir Joseph Swan and the American Thomas Edison both obtained it in the same period (in 1878 and 1879 respectively), and within 25 years, millions of people around the world had installed electric lighting in their homes. Easy-to-use technology was such an improvement over the old ways the world never looked back. The amazing thing about this historical turning point of events is that the light bulb itself could hardly be simpler. The modern light bulb, which has not changed drastically since Edison's model, consists of only a handful of parts. In this article, we will see how these parts come together to produce bright light for hours on end. Light Basics Light is a form of energy that can be released by an atom. It is composed of many small particle-like packages that have energy and momentum but no mass. These particles, called photons of light, are the most basic units of light. For more information, see How light works. Atoms release light photons when their electrons get excited. If you have read How atoms work, then you know that electrons are negatively charged particles that move around the nucleus of an atom (which has a net positive charge). Electrons in an atom have different energy levels, depending on several factors, including their velocity and distance from the nucleus. Electrons of different energy levels occupy different orbitals. In general, electrons with greater energy move in orbitals farther from the nucleus. When an atom gains or loses energy, the change is expressed by the movement of electrons. When something passes energy to an atom, an electron can be temporarily upgraded to a higher orbital (farther from the nucleus). The electron holds this position only for a small fraction of a second; almost immediately, it is recalled to the nucleus, to its original orbital. When it returns to its original orbital, the electron releases the extra energy in the form of photons, in some cases a light photon. The wavelength of the light emitted (which determines its color) depends on how much energy is released, which depends on the position of the electron. As a result, different types of atoms will release different types of light photons. In other words, the color of light is determined by the type of excited atom. This is the basic mechanism in operation in almost all light sources. The main difference between sources is the process of exciting atoms. In the next section we will see the different parts of a light bulb. Not all bulbs are the same. Some have smart home features, others are energy sippers. Some can be controlled by Wi-Fi and others change color. This week, we want to know which ones you think are the best or are on your smart home wish list. It might seem silly to ask for the best bulbs, but we're willing to bet that some of you have thought about which LED bulbs, CFCs or other bulbs are durable, last longer, allow you to control the lighting of your home, are affordable, and have other bells and whistles that you like. If you have a favorite, let us know in the discussions below. Let's hear your vote in the discussions below! To cast your vote, follow these guidelines:Follow this format for your vote, including bold printing. If you don't, it won't count: A PHOTO OF THE BEST LIGHT BULBVote: [BEST LIGHT BULB] Why: Explain why this light bulb is the one you think is the best! Perhaps it is energy efficient, and guaranteed to last. Maybe it has Wi-Fi and can be controlled by your smartphone. What makes it what you would recommend to others and why? Make your case! Don't duplicate the nominations! Instead, if someone has named your choice, star (advises) to give it a boost and respond with your story instead. Please do not leave the non-registration, direct comments on this post. They're just going to be pushed down. Save your stories for other people's invitations! If you're not sure what we mean, check out our writers' nominations below. We will give you an advantage, and they should all be in the correct format, so that you can simply follow our example. The Hive Five is our weekly series where you rate your favorite apps and tools for a certain job. Do you have a suggestion for a topic? Email us on tips+hivefive@lifehacker.com!G/O Media could get a John Loo commissionPhoto. Sendungen 10.1.: Neue Staffel! Smart bulbs are super affordable and can save you money compared to traditional bulbs. One question, however, is whether they still use electricity even when the lights are off. Why should it be a concern? RELATED: Do LED bulbs really last 10 years? LED bulbs in general can be a fantastic energy saving, since they do not require much electricity compared to other types of lights. Smart bulbs in particular can be a big saver, since you can set them up to turn them off automatically if you forget or aren't around. However Smart bulbs are still technically on even when they don't emit any light. The reason for this is that they need to maintain communication with your home's Wi-Fi (or with a hub on Zigbee or Z-Wave). This way, they are ready in an instant every time you decide to turn on the lights remotely. So, smart bulbs are still using some electricity even when the light is is Off. You shouldn't worry about everything that's said, it's completely valid to wonder how much electricity smart bulbs still use when they're sleeper seats and how much it costs you. We've done a few experiments to find out, but spoiler alert: it's actually not that much electricity at all, depending on the smart bulbs you use. Using my trusted Kill A Watt electricity usage monitor, I tested a Philips Hue White smart bulb (which uses Zigbee), an Eufy Lumos Wi-Fi smart bulb and a GoControl Z-Wave smart bulb to see how much electricity each type of bulb extracted even when I had the light off. That's what I found. Philips Hue White Bulb With the Philips Hue bulb, the power display on the Kill A Watt unit was constantly switching between 0.0 watts and 0.3 watts: it consumes so little electricity that the Kill A Watt barely recorded anything, but was still recording something. RELATED: How to set Philips Hue lights But for the sake of data and doing some math, let's average it out and say the bulb extracts 0.15 watts of power when it's on standby. To understand how much it costs you on your electricity bill, we must first convert that power to kilowatt hour (kWh). Long story short, it would take about 6,600 hours for a Hue bulb to use 1 kWh of power in standby mode (or 9.17 months). Depending on where you live, the cost for a single kWh of power varies, but for me it costs 15 cents. Therefore, a Hue bulb in standby mode costs about 1.6 cents per month, at least in my area. Eufy Lumos Wi-Fi Bulb RELATED: How to install and configure Eufy Lumos Smart Bulbs Eufy Lumos The Eufy Lumos bulb uses direct Wi-Fi to connect to the network, rather than using a hub like Zigbee or Z-Wave. The Kill A Watt showed a constant reading of 0.5 watts for the Eufy bulb, not much more than the Hue Bulb With those numbers, there would be 2,000 hours before the Eufy smart bulb consumed 1 kWh of power in standby mode (or 2.78 months). So, using the $0.15/kWh figure, the average Wi-Fi bulb in standby mode costs about 5.4 cents per month. GoControl Z-Wave Bulb The GoControl bulb (which uses Z-Wave instead of Zigbee) was strange, as the Kill A Watt was everywhere. It reads anywhere between 0.6 watts and 4.8 watts at any time. However, it was definitely using a lot more energy than the other two bulbs. To get a better idea of how much power this bulb was using, I measured the use of kWh in real time and waited a few days. Sure, I could have done it for the other two bulbs I tested, but they use so little power that measuring on the Kill A Watt that changes from just 0.01 to 0.02 would take a couple of days or more. On GoControl bulb, it only takes a few hours, allowing me to monitor it more closely and accurately. RELATED: PSA: You can save a lot of money up on Bulbs with utility discounts In any case, after about 72 hours, the bulb used about 0.12 kWh of power (1.66 watts on average at any given time), which equates to 600 hours of use before the bulb uses 1 kWh of power in standby mode (or 3.7 weeks). Therefore, based on the same cost of $0.15/kWh, the average Z-Wave bulb in standby mode costs about 17.9 cents per month. I'm not sure why this Z-Wave bulb uses much more electricity in standby mode, but it's likely that the bulb acts as a repeater in the Z-Wave mesh network and moves from a lot of other Z-Wave devices in my home to my Wink smarthome hub. Sure, Zigbee does the same thing, but there are far fewer Hue bulbs in the house than Z-Wave devices. So keep that in mind if you're going to use Z-Wave bulbs in your setup. Of course, this cost data all depends on how much you pay for electricity in your area and what your smarthome setup is like in your home. However, the main point is that there's really no need to worry about your smart bulbs getting into the electricity bill, particularly the energy used by the light bulb that I measured as pale more expensive than the amount of energy the lights pull when they're actually on. The overall cost of using full brightness smart bulbs, a Philips Hue White bulb uses 9.3 watts of power at 840 lumens, the GoControl 8.5 watt bulb at 750 lumens and the Eufy Lumos bulb 8.7 watts at 800 lumens. With that in mind, let's say you have the lights on for 8 hours every day. For the Philips Hue White bulb, that means you're looking to pay $0.35 a month to run a light bulb, with just one cent of the one used for standby mode. So only 2.86% of the monthly cost of a Hue bulb comes from when the bulb is on standby. With the GoControl Z-Wave bulb, it would cost $0.43 per month, with $0.12 of that for standby mode, or 27.9% of the monthly cost. RELATED: Smart light switches versus smart bulbs: which one should you buy? As for a typical Smart Wi-Fi bulb like Eufy Lumos, you're actually looking at the same monthly operating cost as the Hue bulb (although it uses a little more power in standby mode), thanks to the lower power from less lumens. However, in this case, 11.43% of the monthly cost (or $0.04) comes from standby mode. Keep in mind that this is the cost for operating a single smart bulb, so you have to multiply that cost by how many smart bulbs you have in your home. In my case, I have nine Hue bulbs stretched out throughout my residence, which means I'm spending about $3.15 a month to run these lights, with 9 cents of the one used for standby mode. Of course, not all of my smart bulbs are turned on for 8 hours every day, so the actual cost is probably a bit lower. However, this paints a picture of how little electricity your light bulbs use and how little you pay to use them over the years. So even if they were generated with electricity even when the light is not on, the cost is extremely negligible. Negligible.

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