

## **DID YOU KNOW ?? The environmentalists are in your house !**

The Department of Energy is currently “exploring” the creation of rules for “energy saving” televisions. Will the picture quality be lower ? Who cares ?

It is illegal in the United States to sell small lamps capable of outputting greater than 180 watts. Small wonder it is so dark in here.

All ceiling fans are required by the Department of Energy to have speed controls. Did anyone mention additional consumer costs? (I guess the one that are used in garages, barns, horse stalls, etc. need to have the speed controls also).

100 watt incandescent light bulbs will be **illegal** on January 1, 2012.

75 watt incandescent light bulbs will be **illegal** on January 1, 2013.

60 and 40 watt incandescent light bulbs will be **illegal** on January 1, 2014.

And who knows, since 40, 60, 75 and 100 watt light bulbs won't be produced anymore, all of the special incandescent light bulbs that you also have around the house would probably be too expensive to produce, so get rid of those fixtures also.

Did I mention that the Compact Florescent Light bulbs (CFL's) were designed to remain on continuously ? If you switch them on and off like normal incandescent light bulbs, you will get less bulb life for more money – we can thank General Electric (or Government Electric) for this. In addition, because of the heat CFL's generate, they can explode, sending bits of glass and small amounts of mercury everywhere.

What, you have dimmer switches all through your house? Not to worry, there are dimmable CFL's, so you wouldn't have to hire an electrician to replace all of the dimmer switches with regular light switches, but...the dimmable CFL's just cost 2 to 3 times MORE than a regular CFL and last just as long as a regular CFL..

Power supplies for all electronic appliances are regulated by a law called EPACT 2005. Have you started to notice big thick power cords running everywhere in your house?

The EPA has a “Voluntary Fireplace Program” in which they give the OK to different types of fireplaces. Only the future will tell if the “Voluntary Program” suddenly is no longer Voluntary.

Cars will need to meet an average of 42mpg efficiency standard by 2016. Only one car can match that today. Wonder how much that car will cost in 2016, oops, I forgot, Interior Secretary Salazar wants to get the price of gasoline to \$7.00, so I guess the more expensive, fuel efficient, car really doesn't matter. As we probably won't be driving much anyway.

It is not just cars. The EPA has emissions standards for your gas-powered lawnmowers, pumps, generators, chainsaws, weed whackers, etc. also. And don't even get them started on riding lawnmowers, they might be coming in for worse regulations soon.

Every pesticide created and sold in the United States has to be registered with the EPA. So

thank them whenever you grab anything and head out to tend to your lawn and garden.

Got termites? Too bad. The EPA won't allow powerful chemicals that **they think** may harm humans to be sprayed inside your house if they won't dissipate within 8 hours.

Washing machines are all held to energy efficiency and water standards, this has rendered the top loading washing machine nearly extinct.

Unless they have a special waiver from the Department of Energy, "large capacity" washing machines (3.8 cu. ft.) are NOT allowed to be sold in the United States.

Speaking of the EPA – did you notice that your dishwasher and your dish soap don't seem to get the dirty dishes as clean anymore – well thanks to the EPA, a key, powerful cleanser in the soap, phosphate, has been, quietly, outlawed.

Have a small fuel container? There are guidelines on opening, filling, closing and childproof features for any fuel containers you have in your home. These are the ones that require at least 3 hands to open and pour the fuel out of.

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