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Try Energy Efficient Lighting this Holiday Season

This holiday season, consider using Light Emitting Diode (LED) holiday lights instead of traditional incandescent light strings. LED holiday lights use up to 90 percent less energy and last up to eight times longer than conventional holiday lighting. Since they use less electricity, the energy cost of decorating with these holiday lights is a fraction of standard light strings, while still providing a decorative display.

LED lights produce a more durable light that can burn brightly for 50,000 hours, compared to up to 6,000 hours for incandescent bulbs. They also produce very little heat, which makes them safer to use on your trees and wreaths than incandescent lights. They are available in strings from 20 to 150 bulbs and come in a variety of colors. There are many styles available including mini-ice, ball shaped and C7 and C9 (candle-shaped) bulbs.

Barron Electric members can apply for a \$2 credit per string of LED Christmas lights. LED lights must be purchased by November 30, 2008. A claim form is available on Barron Electric's website at www.barronelectric.com. Call Barron Electric Cooperative at 800-322-1008 for more details.