

Condo Care

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Energy Myths from Portland, Oregon, General Electric utility company:

Myth: Leaving a light on uses less energy than turning it off and on several times.

Truth: Leaving an incandescent light on uses more energy than turning it on and off. But a compact fluorescent light should be left on if it will be used again within 15 minutes. Switching CFLs on and off frequently shortens their lives.

Condo Question: Have you found a good way to cool the inside of your garage, if you don't have a window? Peggy Rittenhouse would like to know, as would the rest of us! She has to keep the outer door shut tight since her cat's commode is in the garage.

Tradesman Recommendation:

Hudson Pest—978-562-2553; the Ebens have used them both here and in their previous home. He is Shirley O'Connell's son-in-law too.