HAVE YOU SEEN THE LIGHT?

There hasn’t been anything radically new in lighting since Edison ...until now! At Barrymore we believe LED light bulbs may be the future and here’s why.

LED light bulbs are 5 times more efficient and last 25 times longer than incandescent bulbs. Although the Compact Fluorescent Bulbs now widely in use are energy efficient, they contain mercury, a neurotoxin that can leach into water and soil.

But what about the quality of the light? Most LED bulbs are offered in two ‘temperatures’: 2700K which produces a warmer look and 3000K which produces a colder, bluer light. In the Barrymore showroom, we use a mix of the two temperatures and to our eyes the light is excellent. The quality of light will vary from one brand to another, so try several before investing in multiple bulbs.

What’s the catch?

LED bulbs are expensive. From $15 to $30 per bulb and not available everywhere. But it’s changing fast. The big-box hardware stores have a wide selection on LED bulbs and prices are dropping.

Note that LED bulbs are available for most track and pot lighting fixtures. No more climbing a ladder to change bulbs and, in the summer, no more overheated rooms - that’s because LED bulbs generate much less heat.

Efficiency varies from brand to brand but, as a rough guide, a 60 watt incandescent and a 12 watt LED produce the same amount of light ... approximately 800 lumens.

Are LED bulbs right for your home?

The bulb will pay for itself in a few years, you won’t have to replace it for a long time, and it’s an environmentally responsible purchase. You decide.

We’re using more and more LED bulbs in the Barrymore Showroom. Visit our showroom and see the light.