

How to change a light bulb



There are four common types of light bulbs in your home. Learning how to change a light bulb will not just be helpful to you now, but for the rest of your life.

All types of replacement light bulbs are widely available either in supermarkets; Tesco, Morrisons, etc. Hardware stores like B&Q or homeware stores like Wilkos. If you take the old light bulb to the store with you, you can ask the shop assistant to help you or match it yourself to the bulbs on the shelves.

Alternatively you can purchase the light bulbs online.

The three video links below show you how to change a light bulb, watch the relevant video before you change the bulb. You will also find below a written explanation of the types of light bulbs, how to change them with an online link to purchase. Please be sure to check the type of bulb required before you purchase.

VIDEO LINKS

Bayonet light bulbs (classic or screw mount) or halogen spotlights are most commonly found in all areas of the property other than the bathroom:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JW2Br1yjwZA>

2D light bulbs are most commonly found in bathrooms and new build communal areas:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ld-RoOwsxl>

Strip fluorescent tubes are found in some kitchens:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ozxHtexEGE>

WRITTEN EXPLANATION

Bayonet light bulb

Classic fitting with two pins or screw



Classic
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Screw
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1. Turn the light off
2. Let the bulb cool down
3. Ensure you can safely reach the bulb
4. Remove the bulb
 - a) Classic - Grasp the bulb lightly but firmly, push inwards gently and turn anticlockwise until it is released from the socket
 - b) Screw - Keep gently twisting anticlockwise until the bulb comes loose from the socket
5. Do not put your fingers in the exposed light socket
6. Check the type of bulb and wattage on the used light bulb and purchase the same light bulb from the shop or online
7. Replace the bulb - Insert a replacement bulb lightly but firmly into the socket. Depending on the type, turn it clockwise until it locks into place or keep gently twisting clockwise until it won't go any further
8. Switch the light back on
9. Safely dispose of the old bulb.



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Halogen light bulb

Classic fitting with two pins or screw



GU10

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GU5.3

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1. Turn the light off
2. Let the bulb cool down
3. Ensure you can safely reach the bulb
4. Press inward on the halogen bulb that is already screwed into place in your light fixture using both thumbs and rotate counter clockwise about 90 degrees
5. Pull the light bulb straight out of the socket
6. Do not put your fingers in the exposed light socket
7. Check the type of bulb and wattage on the used light bulb and purchase the same light bulb from the shop or online
8. Replace the bulb from the same position that you took the old bulbs from. Twist it clockwise as far it will go
9. Switch the light back on
10. Safely dispose of the old bulb.

2D light bulb

Fitting with two or four pins



2 pins

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4 pins

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1. Turn the light off
2. Let the bulb cool down
3. Ensure you can safely reach the bulb
4. Remove the cover
 - a) Take out the screws remembering to support the cover
 - b) Gently pushing the cover inward, within the mounting and then slide the cover to one side, releasing the holding clips. It will release
5. Remove the light bulb by holding the centre point of the bulb unit (not the bulb itself) and pulling it out of the fitting
6. Do not put your fingers in the exposed light socket
7. Check the type of bulb, number of pins and wattage on the used light bulb and purchase the same light bulb from the shop or online
8. Replace the bulb. Simply push the new bulb back into the fitting, again holding the centre point of the unit
9. Secure the cover back into place with the screws or push it back on
10. Switch the light back on
11. Safely dispose of the old bulb.