

IS YOUR OUTDOOR LIGHTING DARK SKY FRIENDLY?

A CHECKLIST FOR HOMEOWNERS

For each outdoor light on your property, ask the following questions.

1

Does the light serve a clear purpose?

On the first house, the light illuminates only the entryway and stairs, where it is needed.



Yes

Excellent! Thanks for helping keep your neighborhood dark.



No

Consider removing unneeded lights or removing the lightbulbs.

2

Does the light fall only where it is needed?



Direct the light down, not up into the sky or sideways. The light source should not be visible from beyond your property.

Yes No

Excellent! Your neighbors and wildlife thank you.

Consider re-aiming the light or installing a shielded fixture.



3

Is the amount of light appropriate for the task?

Use the lowest lighting level needed. Excessive light can contribute to glare, actually making it harder to see things well.

Yes No

Excellent! Lighting is safer and easier on the eyes when not ultra bright.

Change the bulb to a dimmer value and/or "warmer" light (3000 Kelvin or less).

4

Is the light connected to active controls?

Outdoor lighting should be connected to a light switch, timer, and/or motion sensor so they are used only when needed.

Yes No

Excellent! You're saving electricity, ensuring safety and preserving the dark.

Timers and motion sensors are excellent ways to ensure lights are on only when needed.



Stars are still visible at Sun Mountain Lodge because of dark sky friendly lighting.

