

Home Outdoor Lighting Assessment

Follow these four steps to reduce light pollution around your home and receive a window decal to spark conversation!

1. Learn about the need for quality lighting

Light at night is essential today, but when we over-light, there are negative impacts on wildlife, plants, human health, energy, and safety

2. Assess your outdoor lighting

Use the worksheet to list your outdoor light fixtures and check each one against the Five Principles of Responsible Outdoor Lighting at Night.

3. Remove, replace, or refine problematic fixtures

Ask if a light is necessary. If not, consider removing it.

Use fully shielded fixtures and direct light downward.
Think about how MUCH light you need: for work areas, 300-800 lumens is enough; for pathways, up to 300 lumens.
Select bulbs with a color temperature of 2700K or less.
Consider placing the light on a timer or motion sensor.

4. Submit your name

Fill out the form at tinyurl.com/dark-sky-assess.
Dark Sky International will send you a window decal that tells neighbors and visitors what you've done.



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Assess the outdoor lighting on your property. Give each luminaire a score and record what actions are needed to improve them.

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1. Useful
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2. Targeted
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3. Low-level
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4. Controlled
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5. Warm-colored

Fixture name <i>Exp. front porch</i>	Principles checklist <i>What principles are met?</i>	Action needed <i>What needs to be fixed?</i>	Date of assessment
Back Porch	✓ 2 ✓ 4 ✓	Light spills into neighbors yard. Light needs shield and timer.	1/25
1.	1 2 3 4 5		
2.	1 2 3 4 5		
3.	1 2 3 4 5		
4.	1 2 3 4 5		
5.	1 2 3 4 5		
6.	1 2 3 4 5		
7.	1 2 3 4 5		