

Light polluted sky

Visible night sky



UNACCEPTABLE

Unshielded

VERY BAD

BAD

BETTER

Fully shielded

BEST



Fully shielded + timer
or motion sensor

Responsible outdoor lighting is...

Useful

Use light only
if needed

Targeted

Direct light so it falls
only where needed

Low Level

Light shouldn't be
brighter than necessary

Controlled

Use light only
when needed

Warm Colored

Use warmer
toned lights



DarkSky
MASSACHUSETTS

Our mission is to protect the nighttime environment by advocating for responsible outdoor lighting practices.

Did you know?

- Nocturnal pollinators and migratory birds rely on **darkness at night** for their survival.
- **Reduced artificial light at night** improves quality of sleep and lowers risks for obesity, depression, diabetes, breast cancer, and more.
- As of May 2026, 67 municipalities across the state have **outdoor lighting regulations**.
- Reducing glare increases **visibility at night** and personal safety.
- Responsible outdoor lighting can **reduce greenhouse gas** emissions and **save billions of dollars** annually in the U.S.

Learn more about light pollution in Massachusetts at
www.darksourcemass.org

