



We are losing the night.



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What is light pollution?

Light pollution is the human-made alteration of outdoor light levels from those occurring naturally. When we over-light the night, fail to use timers and sensors, or use the wrong color of light, we negatively impact the nighttime environment that plants, animals, and people depend on.

The solution: Quality lighting

The good news is that light pollution—unlike many other forms of pollution—can be reversed with immediate results through the implementation of quality lighting practices and initiatives. Awareness is just the first step—the time to act is now.

- ✓ Use fully shielded, DarkSky Approved fixtures for all outdoor lighting, ensuring your home protects the night.
- ✓ Use only the right amount of light needed. Too much light is wasteful and harms wildlife.
- ✓ Install timers and dimmers, and turn off lights when not in use. If you must have security lighting, use motion sensors.
- ✓ Turn off lights in office buildings and homes when not in use.
- ✓ Use only lighting with a color temperature of 3000 K and below to reduce the blue cool light that's more harmful to many animal species.
- ✓ Work with your neighbors and local governments to ensure outdoor lighting isn't harming the wildlife in your area.



Protect the nighttime environment around your home and community by following the Five Principles for Responsible Outdoor Lighting.

