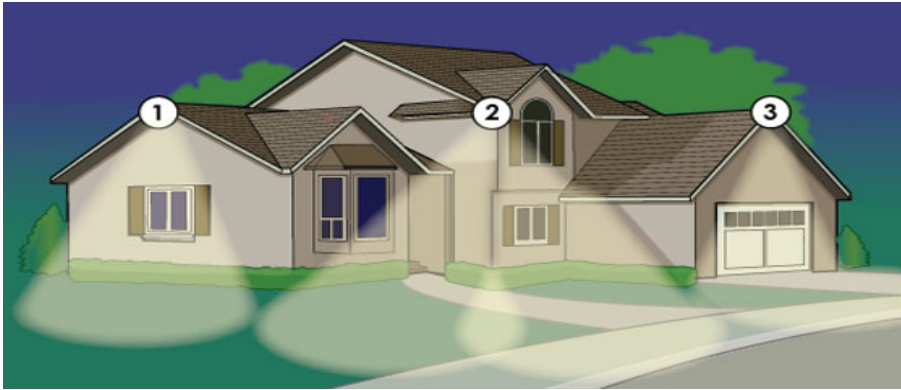


OUTDOOR LIGHTING RECOMMENDATIONS



Are you in need of outdoor lighting ideas that will make your home safer? Nobody wants the safety of their home to be compromised or violated by the bad elements of society. That is why many have fortified their homes with the following outdoor lighting ideas.

The installation of lights in the strategic areas in the exterior of your home has the benefit of not only complementing your garden or outdoor landscape design, but also keeping your home safe and secure. Installed properly, these outdoor lights will reduce the number of dark areas in your home's exteriors where criminals can often hide.

Of course you are not going to undertake such a task without carefully considering how to properly install these lights. So before you begin here are [outdoor lighting ideas](#) to help you out.

- Many homeowners have the mistaken notion that any type of outdoor lighting will be great for outdoors. They think you can just go to a hardware store and buy any type of light and install them anywhere they like.

Before buying [outdoor lights](#) you must study your outdoors first and plan where you will be putting those lights. You must also have an electrical plan laid out for those lights because improper placement of those lights could lead to disaster or could lead to inadequate lighting in areas where illumination matters the most.

- There are many types of outdoor lights however this site highly recommends lights that have sensors that detect the amount of natural light and automatically turns itself on when it is evening. This is a practical choice because of the amount of energy you will be able to save by virtue of this automatic feature.
- An even better and a more practical choice would be to install lights that not only automatically turn themselves on or off but also has a motion detection system because when it detects any kind of motion, it will automatically turn on glaring lights which will scare off potential intruders away from your property.
- Once you have the idea, you must start with the installation of lights in all places where you have a point of entry or exit. These areas are your main door, back door, side doors, even your windows, and that garage door. This not only serves the purpose of securing your doors, having lights here will mean you will not fumble for your keys in the dark anymore.
- Aim your lights at places where potential intruders can hide under cover of darkness such as those bushes, hedges, trees and the like.
- The next item in this list of outdoor lighting ideas is the consideration for other people's property. When installing lights be sure that you are not aiming at your neighbor's property otherwise you will eventually annoy them. Of course you will be installing these lights in the day but you must test them immediately when evening comes and adjust them accordingly.
- Lastly, whether you are getting a professional or doing it yourself, it is important that you get lighting that is made of high quality materials and is weather proof. Remember we are talking about the security of your property and not just beautification purposes, therefore your lights should be long lasting.

Of course wanting to make your home a safer place to live with these outdoor lighting ideas does not necessarily mean that you are going to sacrifice the beauty of your home's exteriors. So before you start shopping for outdoor lights, be sure that you have analyzed what will enhance the beauty of your home then make a listing of the colors, type of lights, and the design you have for placement.