### Quality of Light...Quality of Life

Our night skies, enjoyed and appreciated by countless generations of people, are in jeopardy of disappearing due to the pallor of light pollution. Each year the night sky becomes slightly brighter, causing fewer stars to be visible.



A new shopping development near National Park land.

It does not need to be that way. There are sensible, economical steps to prevent the unnatural night from spreading. Proper outdoor lighting methods greatly reduce sky glow while maintaining safety and providing economic benefits.

When using standard light fixtures, light is directed upwards causing the sky to brighten. Shielded fixtures direct their light downwards where it is needed, not wastefully into the sky. Since all of the light illuminates the desired area, lower wattage and lower lumen bulbs can be used, saving electricity – and money!

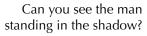


Bright store lighting easily distracts drivers.

When talking about light pollution, people think of three things: Crime and Safety, and "Hey, let me tell you about my neighbor's light!"

Shielded fixtures also give the added benefit of reducing annoying, if not dangerous, glare. They help prevent glare by blocking light from directly entering your eyes, making it easier the see when driving.

Too often, homeowners ineffectually and wastefully use outdoor lighting as a means to prevent crime and increase safety. Properly shielded and correctly directed lights reduce glare, revealing what lies in the shadows.





#### Only People affect change!

- Use shielded fixtures with lower wattage bulbs,
  - use motion sensors where it's appropriate,
    - and turn off any unneeded lights.

### **Answers to questions on reverse side**

- 1 c, greater than 75%
- 2 c, 2000, less than 100
- 3 a, over 100 million, perhaps up to 1 billion!
- 4 a, some lightning bug species prey on others!
- 5 a, the Electric Utility recoups its money quickly through the monthly rate you pay.
- 6 a, in daylight hours.
- 7 b, nearly \$3 billion.
- 8 True.
- 9 c, everyone!
- 10 You are not alone. Just about everyone has a bad light near where they live.

## **Lighting: the Good and the Bad**

### What is wrong about these lights?

- They don't illuminate the ground.
  - A substantial amount of light escapes upwards.
    - They are not shielded.

Architectural lights, such as these, are very appealing in the daytime, but do a poor job illuminating the desired area.





## What is right about this wall pack fixture?

- It is shielded, reducing glare.
- The light is directed downward, where it is needed.

# What is right about this street light fixture?

- It is a full-cutoff, shielded fixture.
- The light is directed downward where it is needed.

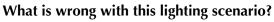




# What is wrong with this street light?

• It is not shielded.

Unfortunately, this type of fixture is too common along our roads.



- The light is not shielded.
- The light does not illuminate the area near the door

