

# LANDSCAPE LIGHTING TECHNIQUES

**CMON, ADMIT IT!** We all do it: on an evening drive or leisurely walk after dinner it is fun to admire the welcoming glow of different homes and their landscaping. What makes one house stand out from the others? It's often the remarkable effect of well-placed landscape lighting. Here is every need-to-know method for lighting up the night and making your home the talk of the block:



## UPLIGHTING ^

Uplighting is illuminating an area, surface or object from below to create a focal point in the landscape.

**CREATING THIS EFFECT :** A spot light is aimed at the tree in the foreground while the front of the home remains relatively dark.



## < WALL WASHING

Wall washing is a technique that refers to the general illumination of a wall or surface.

**CREATING THIS EFFECT :** Spot lights are placed along the front of the home to create a soft wash of light.

## SILHOUETTING v

Also called backlighting, silhouetting is used to dramatize an interesting shaped object.

**CREATING THIS EFFECT :** A spot light is placed between the tree and the front of the home. The spot light is aimed at the front of the home creating a dramatic silhouette of the tree.



## SHADOWING ^

Shadowing is an effect created by placing a light source in front of an object and projecting a shadow onto a surface behind the object.

**CREATING THIS EFFECT :** Spot lights are placed directly in front of the tall bushes, producing shadows which are projected on the home's face, creating an interesting and inviting façade.



## GRAZING ^

Grazing emphasizes a textured surface (such as a tree trunk, a stone wall, climbing ivy, etc.) by placing a light source within one foot of that surface and aiming the light beam parallel to that surface.

**CREATING THIS EFFECT :** Spot lights are placed beneath each stone pillar to create dimension, complementing the home's entryway.

## STEP LIGHTING v

Step and brick lights can be used in masonry and wood constructions. These fixtures are designed to safely illuminate stairways and walkways.

**CREATING THIS EFFECT :** The steps are gently illuminated leading up to the doorway to ensure safety.

### TECH TOOLKIT

**STRIDE RIGHT:** Reduce the danger potential around your household by adding LED step lights to illuminate multi-level decks, entry steps, patios and wheel chair ramps.



## < PATH LIGHTING

Path and area lighting is used to enhance dynamic landscaping elements such as flower beds, shrubbery and borders while safely illuminating pathways.

**CREATING THIS EFFECT :** Path lights are staggered around the walkway to create pools of light that illuminate a safe passage to the home's entrance.

## DECK LIGHTING >

Step, brick and hardscape lighting can be used in masonry and wood constructions. These fixtures are specifically designed to provide safety and accent lighting while creating a warm atmosphere.

**CREATING THIS EFFECT :** A surface mounted deck sconce is placed on the wall above each step to illuminate a safe entryway to the deck. A hardscape fixture under the bench, coupled with deck sconces mounted to the corner posts create a soft glow.



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