



Transforming Your Garden with Light

Outdoor lighting changes how your home feels at night - adding warmth, visibility, and atmosphere to the spaces around you.

It's not about lighting everything. It's about placing light thoughtfully - highlighting key features, guiding movement, and creating a sense of depth.

This guide will help you design an outdoor lighting approach that feels balanced, comfortable, and naturally connected to your home.

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Planning your garden lighting

Before placing any lighting, think about how you want your outdoor space to feel and how it's used after dark.

1 Identify key features

Look for elements worth highlighting - trees, planting, architectural details, or pathways.

2 Layer your lighting

Combining different light sources helps create depth, balance, and a more considered outdoor space.

3 Control light direction

Position lighting carefully to reduce glare and keep the focus on the landscape rather than the light source.

4 Keep it subtle

Less light often creates a more inviting result. Lower, well-placed lighting helps maintain atmosphere and depth.

Creating depth and contrast

Using light in different ways can help shape your garden, adding contrast, depth, and visual interest.

Grazing

Position lighting at a low angle across a surface to bring out texture in materials like stone, timber, or planting.

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Mirroring

Position lighting near reflective surfaces such as water to create symmetry and enhance the sense of space.



Moonlighting

Placing lights higher up can create a softer, more natural effect, similar to moonlight filtering through trees.



Silhouetting

Lighting from behind can highlight the outline of plants or structures, adding contrast and definition.



Shadowing

Placing light in front of planting can project layered shadows onto nearby surfaces, creating depth and movement.

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Technical considerations

A well-designed outdoor lighting system should be reliable, safe, and built to perform in all conditions.



The 12V advantage

Ensure your dimmer is rated for the total wattage of your lighting to avoid performance issues.



Safety first

Low-voltage lighting is well suited to outdoor environments and safe for households with children and pets.



Built for outdoors

Weather-resistant fittings and watertight connections help ensure long-term durability.



Plan your layout

Keeping cable runs efficient helps maintain consistent brightness across your lighting setup.

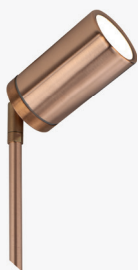


Allow for capacity

As a guide, aim to use no more than 80% of your transformer's capacity for optimal performance.

Choosing the right fixtures

The right combination of fixtures helps bring your outdoor lighting plan to life.



Gavel 74733

Spike spotlights

Ideal for highlighting trees, planting, and architectural features.



Gavel 74915

Twin spotlights

Allow you to direct light across multiple areas from a single fitting.



Acima 77303

Inground uplights

Used to light walls, trees, and structures from below, helping reduce dark areas.



Acima 74912

Step and path lighting

Provides subtle guidance along walkways, improving safety and ease of movement.



Gel Connectors 75773

Cable 1485

Essential components

Cables, connectors, and transformers are key to creating a reliable, weather-resistant system.



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Our team can help you create a lighting plan that suits your home, your outdoor spaces, and the way you live.

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