

LANDSCAPE LIGHTING PLANNING CHECKLIST

LightingShowplace can help you select the right pieces for a simple, low-voltage landscape lighting solution.

Use this along with the LightingShowplace Web site to choose the products that best fit your lighting needs after you have established a basic lighting plan. See examples of how landscape lighting can be used to enhance your home's exterior while providing safety and ambiance at our Web site.



1. Path Lighting (Path/spread & walkway lights)

Use path lighting to define the edge & create a safe walkway for friends & family. We recommend measuring the entire length of your walkway and placing one path light every 5 to 6 feet.

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Quantity X Bulb Wattage = Total Wattage

2. Shrubs, Bushes & Plant Lighting (Path/spread, mini-accent lights)

Highlight textures, shapes & the colors of your garden. Use one mini-accent light for each bush or shrub. Place path/spread lighting from 4 to 6 feet apart within your garden area.

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Quantity X Bulb Wattage = Total Wattage

3. Deck & Patio Lighting (Deck, garden lights)

Light up your outside gathering areas and add safety. Place a deck light on each deck railing post and a step light to every other step leading up to your deck or patio area. Place a decorative garden light beside a patio area for ambient

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4. Trees & Exterior Wall Lighting (Accent, flood & well lights)

Create a dramatic effect by up-lighting trees using a well light recessed in the ground. Use flood lights & accent lights to wash (illuminate) the walls of your home or create silhouettes of unique topiary. One per tree or wall are recommended.

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Quantity X Bulb Wattage = Total Wattage

5. Choosing a Transformer*

Provide the right amount of power to your lights by adding the total wattage of all your fixtures to determine the correct size transformer. You will need a transformer that is rated at least as high as your total wattage. Choose a unit that will allow for future lighting and consider a built-in timer or electric eye to automatically turn your lighting on & off. If you add lighting in different locations (i.e. front & back of your home) you will need a separate transformer for each area.

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Minimum Transformer Wattage Needed

6. Determining length of wire*

The wire required is specially designed for outdoor & underground landscape lighting use. Remember to allow for obstacles, pathways and obstructions you may need to go around. Lay out your wire path with string first then measure the total length of the string to determine your final wire length & include at least 10 extra feet.

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Total Length of Wire Needed

* Transformers & wire can be found on our web site on the individual product pages. Click the "installation needs" button on the right.