

Today, more and more people are incorporating outdoor lighting in their landscapes. Low-voltage lightscaping creates visual interest while adding to the security and safety of your property. It can also be used to extend the useful time of outdoor areas such as pools, patios and decks into the evening hours.



To receive a FREE color brochure offering easy-to-follow tips for creating dramatic landscape lighting effects from the American Lighting Association (ALA) go to their website:

www.americanlightingassoc.com



When selecting lighting for your house – don't forget the outside! Develop a lighting scheme by determining which areas of your yard need to be lit for safety and access. Take care of those areas first. Then look at areas which could be used for socializing, relaxing or dining after dark, if illuminated. Finally, think about showcasing elements that may add visual interest to your nighttime landscape if properly illuminated.

There are many different types of landscape lighting to consider. **Path Lighting** illuminates walkways evenly and clearly, while avoiding glare. **Flood Lighting** can be used to illuminate ground cover, shrubbery and flowerbeds or to feature a special area of your garden. **Accent Lighting** focuses illumination on trees, shrubs or the texture of exterior walls. **Accent Step Lighting** adds safety to stairways, paths and patios.

Spotlighting can effectively turn an object, such as a statue, tree or entranceway, into an exterior focal point. **Cross lighting** brings a tree or statue to three-dimensional life by lighting the object from two or more directions and crossing the light paths.