

# Home Outdoor Lighting Assessment

Start at *DarkSky International* - [tinycloud.com/dark-sky-assess](https://tinycloud.com/dark-sky-assess)

Follow these four steps to reduce light pollution around your home and receive a window decal to spark conversation!

## 1. Learn about the need for quality lighting

Light at night is essential in today's world, but when we over-light, there are measurable negative impacts on wildlife, ecosystems, human health, energy, and safety

## 2. Assess your outdoor lighting

Download the worksheet and use it to list your outdoor light fixtures and check each one against the Five Principles of Responsible Outdoor Lighting at Night.

## 3. Remove, replace, or refine problematic fixtures

First, ask if the light is necessary. If not, consider removing it.

When replacing, use fully shielded fixtures and direct light downward. Think about how MUCH you need: for work areas, 300 to 800 lumens is enough; for pathways, up to 300 lumens will do. Select bulbs with a warm color temperature - up to 2700K. Consider placing the light on a timer or motion sensor.

## 4. Submit your name

Fill out an online form and (optional) submit photos. Dark Sky International will send you a window decal that lets neighbors and visitors know what you've done.



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Assess the outdoor lighting on your property. Give each luminaire a score and record what actions are needed to improve them.

-  1. Useful
-  2. Targeted
-  3. Low-level
-  4. Controlled
-  5. Warm-colored

Fixture name <i>Exp. front porch</i>	Principles checklist <i>What principles are met?</i>	Action needed <i>What needs to be fixed?</i>	Date of assessment
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