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Some Random Landscape Thoughts



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Homeowners are spending a lot more time in their outdoor living spaces these days. Thanks to modernized exterior lighting that is now both functional and attractive, outdoor enjoyment no longer has to end when the sun sets. In addition to providing brightness, carefully placed lighting can help create a mood or ambiance in your yard, draw attention away from problem spots and highlight special features. While it's fairly easy to understand the merits of outdoor lighting, it's a bit more overwhelming to figure out what kind of lighting to select as there are seemingly endless choices.

Task Lighting

Task lighting is bright lighting that makes it easier to complete tasks after dark. For example, lighting over your grill makes it much easier to see what you are cooking. The purpose of task lighting is to provide fairly focused lighting over a section of your landscape.

Area Lighting

Area lighting provides pleasant lighting in a certain space. An example would be the lights around the edge of a patio. Generally speaking, the goal of area lighting is to make the space feel welcoming and safe, without being brighter than necessary.

Wayfinding

Wayfinding is critical for allowing your guests to move from one part of the landscape to another. Examples of wayfinding brighteners include path lights, step lights, and post lights at gates. The use of quality light fixtures allows you to use fewer fixtures in a more pleasing arrangement.

Accent Lighting

Accent lighting highlights the parts of your landscape that may not have been so apparent in the daytime. Low-voltage spotlights can draw the eye to a specific area; examples include a waterfall, a sculpture, or a beautiful plant. This lighting allows you to choose where you want the attention in your landscape.

When you light up the night in your own backyard according to your personal taste and style, you just may find yourself outdoors more often.

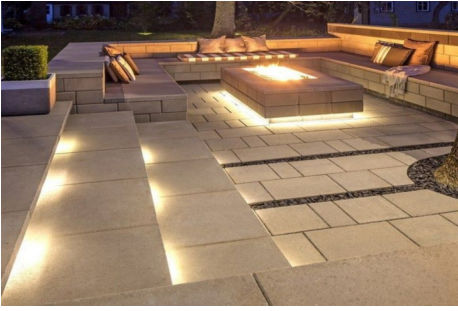
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Backyard Lighting



Fire Pit Lighting

Create safety as your family and friends gather around the fire.

Install fixtures snug under the edge of benches and sitting walls, to shine down on walking areas to prevent tripping.



Pool Lighting

Pool lights can completely transform your outdoor living space at night.

Install LED lighting with the option to change colors. If your pool has any water features, highlight them with lighting to enjoy them long after dark.



Pergola Lighting

Twinkling lights strung overhead will turn an ordinary night into an instant celebration.

Install recessed lighting on your pergola to cast just the right amount of light onto your dining table or conversation area.



Outdoor Kitchen Lighting

Everybody knows party-goers love to gather in the kitchen. Your outdoor kitchen is no different.

Install lights that shine down on your grill and cooktop, and place lighting under and inside cabinets and over countertops.



Deck Lighting

The right lighting can transform your deck into an ambience-filled party central.

Install tread lights into your deck steps' risers and they will shine light onto each step. These lights provide just enough illumination for safety while not being too much of a distraction.



Sport Court Lighting

Lighting your outdoor multi-game court means the fun can last all night long.

Install anti-glare shields to direct the light just where you need it to get your game on - and keep the light from annoying your neighbors.