

Standard for Outdoor Security Lighting

Outdoor security lighting serves two purposes. It can provide illumination of the back, or side yard, when you need to be outside in the dark. It can also serve as a deterrent to theft. The front side of all residences are already provided with sufficient light from our street lights and require no additional lighting.

For back yard, and/or side yard security lighting the following standard is offered for your guidance.

1. Low level, 12 volt landscape type lighting is preferred over 120 volt wall mounted lights for all entrance areas, including side entrances.
2. When 120 volt security lamps are installed on the back wall of the residence they must be aimed downward at the ground, not outward toward neighboring residences.
3. Security lighting should be sufficient only to illuminate your yard, not your neighbors. In most cases our small back yards can be sufficiently illuminated with one double-light fixture using 40 watt outdoor floods. If you currently have security lights sufficient to read a newspaper by, you are over lamped and should replace your lights with lower watt bulbs.
4. Security lighting triggered by movement (heat sensor) are recommended, but not lights triggered by darkness. Low level 12 volt lights are suitable for applications where you want lights triggered by a darkness sensor.

This standard is intended to service as a guide to the home-owner, but does not limit the Architectural Committee in carrying out its responsibilities.