

LANDSCAPE LIGHTING TECHNIQUES

EVERY NEED-TO-KNOW METHOD FOR LIGHTING UP THE NIGHT



UPLIGHTING ^

Uplighting is illuminating an area, surface or object from below to create a focal point in the landscape.

CREATING THIS EFFECT : A spot light is aimed at the tree in the foreground while the front of the home remains relatively dark.

< WALL WASHING

Wall washing is a technique that refers to the general illumination of a wall or surface.

CREATING THIS EFFECT : Spot lights are placed along the front of the home to create a soft wash of light.



SILHOUETTING v

Also called backlighting, silhouetting is used to dramatize an interesting shaped object.

CREATING THIS EFFECT : A spot light is placed between the tree and the front of the home. The spot light is aimed at the front of the home creating a dramatic silhouette of the tree.



SHADOWING ^

Shadowing is an effect created by placing a light source in front of an object and projecting a shadow onto a surface behind the object.

CREATING THIS EFFECT : Spot lights are placed directly in front of the tall bushes, producing shadows which are projected on the home's face, creating an interesting and inviting façade.



GRAZING ^

Grazing emphasizes a textured surface (such as a tree trunk, a stone wall, climbing ivy, etc.) by placing a light source within one foot of that surface and aiming the light beam parallel to that surface.

CREATING THIS EFFECT : Spot lights are placed beneath each stone pillar to create dimension, complementing the home's entryway.

STEP LIGHTING v

Step and brick lights can be used in masonry and wood constructions. These fixtures are designed to safely illuminate stairways and walkways.

CREATING THIS EFFECT : The steps are gently illuminated leading up to the doorway to ensure safety.



< PATH LIGHTING

Path and area lighting is used to enhance dynamic landscaping elements such as flower beds, shrubbery and borders while safely illuminating pathways.

CREATING THIS EFFECT : Path lights are staggered around the walkway to create pools of light that illuminate a safe passage to the home's entrance.

DECK LIGHTING >

Step, brick and hardscape lighting can be used in masonry and wood constructions. These fixtures are specifically designed to provide safety and accent lighting while creating a warm atmosphere.

CREATING THIS EFFECT : A surface mounted deck sconce is placed on the wall above each step to illuminate a safe entryway to the deck. A hardscape fixture under the bench, coupled with deck sconces mounted to the corner posts create a soft glow.

