

Dark Skies

One of the benefits of living here is the beautiful sky. The sky at night is increasingly threatened by light pollution. If you come from the city you count on light at night as one of the most important things for security. It is not intuitive, but more light does not mean more security.

The important thing is to put light where you need it. There is no benefit to having light shining up into the sky. An important point is that glare from a light can prevent you from seeing the things that you want to see. The two pictures on this exhibit show how glare keeps you from seeing an intruder in a gateway until you block the glare.

In general light bulbs should be covered so that none of the bulb is visible below the cover. Existing lights can be retrofitted with shields. Lowe's, Home Depot and other lighting fixture suppliers have fixtures that are designated as Dark Sky friendly.

Two organizations have Dark Skies as a major focus. The International Dark-Sky Association (<http://www.darksky.org> see <https://tinyurl.com/r2zt9eb> for fixtures) and more locally The Hill Country Alliance (<http://www.hillcountryalliance.org>). There is more information on both of those websites.

DARK SKY FRIENDLY FIXTURES AVAILABLE FROM HOME DEPOT

Looking for Dark Sky friendly light fixtures or shields? Buyer be ware, many fixtures on the market that are labeled as “Dark Sky” are actually not. For example, the fixture on the right is labeled Dark Sky, but the bulb is clearly visible; it will shine light up into the sky and cause glare for anyone nearby.

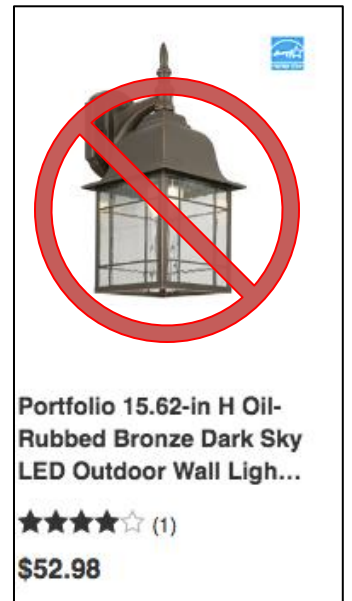
The following list of truly Dark Sky friendly fixtures was compiled from reviewing the items that come up on a search for “Dark Sky” on Home Depot’s website and removing those fixtures that do not adequately shield the light source to minimize sky glow and glare. The list includes a few shields and many fixtures. You can feel confident purchasing these shields and fixtures that they will do the trick.

Remember, even the most shielded light fixture can create sky glow, glare, and light trespass, depending on how it is installed. It is important to consider the location and orientation of the light fixture relative to the surrounding area to avoid sky glow, glare, and light trespass.

Finally, no light, no matter how effective its shielding and installation, should be left on when it is not needed.

For more information, visit HillCountryNightSkies.org

Thanks – and happy lighting!



Hampton Bay Essen Antique Copper Outdoor Wall Lantern

Model# HBWI9003S86

★★★★☆ (9)

\$34⁹⁷



Progress Lighting Large Dark Sky Night Saver Black Accessory Shield

Model# P8402-31

NOT YET RATED

\$36⁹⁰



2 Options Available

Progress Lighting 1-Light Black Wall Lantern

Model# P5712-31

★★★★★ (5)

\$61⁰²

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Progress Lighting Nightsaver Dark-Sky Black Exterior Accessory

Model# P8709-31

★★★★★ (1)

\$16⁶⁵



Progress Lighting Small Dark Sky Night Saver Black Accessory Shield

Model# P8400-31

★★★★★ (1)

\$13⁵⁰



Progress Lighting Medium Dark Sky Night Saver Black Accessory Shield

Model# P8401-31

NOT YET RATED

\$21²⁷



World Imports Dark Sky Essen 1-Light Outdoor Bronze Post Lamp

Model# WI900189

★★★★★ (6)

\$64⁰¹



World Imports Dark Sky Essen 1-Light Outdoor Antique Copper Long Arm Wall Lamp

Model# WI900486

★★★★★ (2)

\$85⁴⁸



Design House Mason RLM Galvanized Outdoor Wall-Mount Dark-Sky Downlight

Model# 520965

★★★★★ (2)

\$34²⁴

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World Imports Dark Sky Revere Collection Wall-Mount Outdoor Flemish Lantern

Model# WI6130106

★★★★★ (1)

\$86⁹⁶

Design House Mason RLM Red Outdoor Wall-Mount Dark-Sky Downlight

Model# 520559

★★★★★ (5)

\$34²⁴

Progress Lighting Strata Collection 1-Light Black LED Wall Lantern

Model# P5885-3130K9

★★★★★ (4)

\$59⁹⁷



Design House Mason RLM Oil-Rubbed Bronze Outdoor Wall-Mount Dark-Sky Downlight

Model# 519504

★★★★★ (27)

\$37⁸⁴

the great outdoors by Minka Lavery Kirkham 1-Light Aspen Bronze Outdoor LED Post Mount

Model# 8106-A138-L

NOT YET RATED

\$119⁹⁰

Hampton Bay 1-Light Zinc Outdoor Wall Lantern

Model# HSP1691A

★★★★★ (57)

\$29⁹⁷

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World Imports Dark Sky Magazine Street Outdoor 1-Light Wall

Model# WI9121L89

★★★★★ (3)

\$95⁰⁵



Home Decorators Collection

Brushed Nickel Outdoor LED Sconce

Model# HB7083-35

★★★★★ (25)

\$39⁹⁷



World Imports Dark Sky Revere Collection 10 in. 1-Light Flemish Outdoor Wall Lantern

Model# WI6131806

★★★★★ (2)

\$81⁸⁷



Cole 1-Light English Bronze Outdoor Mount Lantern

Illumine Cole 1-Light English Bronze Outdoor Wall Mount Lantern

Model# CLI-SH0241925

~~NOT YET RATED~~

\$222⁰⁰



the great outdoors by Minka Lavery Bay Crest 1-Light Dorian Bronze Outdoor Wall Mount

Model# 72211-615B

~~NOT YET RATED~~

\$73⁹⁰



the great outdoors by Minka Lavery Skyline 1-Light Brushed Aluminum Outdoor Wall Mount Lantern

Model# 72501-A144-PL

~~NOT YET RATED~~

\$73⁹⁰

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Progress Lighting Cornice Collection
1-Light Black Wall Sconce

Model# P5634-3130K9

★★★★★ (1)

\$82⁸⁰



Hampton Bay Essen Antique Copper
Outdoor Wall Lantern

Model# HBW19002S86

★★★★★ (14)

\$19⁹⁷



Designers Fountain Barrow 4 in.
Satin Platinum LED Wall Lantern

Model# LED33001-SP

★★★★★ (1)

\$62⁵⁵



Hampton Bay Black Outdoor LED
Wall Lantern with Frosted Glass

Model# ILW1691L-3

★★★★★ (3)

\$19⁹⁷



Progress Lighting Cornice Collection
1-Light Metallic Gray Outdoor Wall
Sconce

Model# P5635-8230K9

NOT YET RATED

\$82⁸⁰



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Lavery** Bay Crest 1-Light Brushed
Aluminum Outdoor Wall Mount

Model# 72212-A144

★★★★★ (1)

\$95⁹⁰