



What You Can Do!

☆ Check the outdoor lighting where you live.

Do you have the right amount of light ... in the right place ... at the right time? Is it shielded from the sky and from people's eyes? If not, shield the lights, point them down, replace them with fully shielded fixtures, or remove them if they're not needed.

Even though it may seem too little to make a difference, you might be surprised how much it will improve the quality of the night environment where you live.

☆ Contact the Flagstaff Dark Skies Coalition.

We will be happy to help you find solutions to your lighting problems.



Flagstaff Dark Skies Coalition

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☆ Who Are We? ☆

Flagstaff Dark Skies Coalition is an educational non-profit organization founded in 1999, dedicated to celebrate, promote, and protect the glorious star-filled dark skies of northern Arizona. We seek to broaden awareness of the beauty, wonder and inspiration of star-filled skies, and effective ways of protecting them.

☆ Why Do We Care? ☆

Flagstaff is the First International Dark-Sky City, recognized world-wide for its leadership in protecting the night sky. As a result of our community-wide efforts, our skies are less than 1/3 as bright as in a typical city of our size. We have a dream that all communities who are fighting to protect starry skies might benefit from our example, and do as well or better. The stars and our children deserve no less!

When the great earth, abandoning day, rolls up the deeps of the heavens and the universe, a new door opens for the human spirit, and there are few so clownish that some awareness of the mystery of being does not touch them as they gaze.

- Henry Beston, *The Outermost House*

STARS UP

LIGHTS DOWN

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Arizona skies*

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Which Light Is Right?

The Good ...

Shielded lights put the light down onto the ground where it's needed.

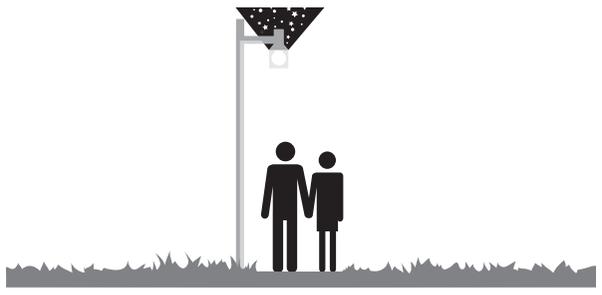


Opaque reflectors with lamp inside and hooded flood lights aim light at the ground.



The Bad ...

Unshielded fixtures waste energy into the night sky, veil the stars, and reduce real visibility through glare.

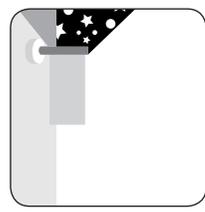


"Brass and glass" carriage lights and flood lamps spread light everywhere.



The Ugly!

Globe fixtures are worse than bad, often cast shadows, and light up the bellies of bats!



Wall packs and yard/barn lights outshine the stars!



Be a good neighbor...

*Put outdoor lighting WHERE it's needed... WHEN it's needed... in the AMOUNT needed!
Quality lighting effectively gives you the visibility you need while protecting your neighbors' views and our beautiful night sky.*