

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Light Up Your Landscape

(NAPSA)—The fact is that for nearly 12 hours a day your yard goes unused. To gain greater use of your backyard, simply add light to your landscape and you'll quickly increase the overall value and security of your home.

There are many ways to light your front and back yards, like 120 volt or solar powered lights. But the easiest, best value, highest quality way and something you can do yourself is low voltage, 12 volt landscape lighting. A real do-it-yourself project that is both fun and safe.

Think it might be a big job? Not really. All of the details about lighting techniques and creating a more useful and beautiful backyard are available at a Web site called www.securitylighting.com. At the site, visitors learn about techniques like: grazing, shadowing, accent lighting and moonlighting. Each lighting style uses a different fixture and location technique to bring the best out in your yard. You'll also learn how to avoid common mistakes like placing all your lights in a row and other less appealing layouts. These 12 volt fixtures are easy to install with just a screwdriver and by looking at final desired effects, the amount of light needed and style, you'll be able to quickly create the perfect spring and summer nighttime backdrop.

It starts with a simple plan created by looking at your trees, shrubs, and garden elements like walks and walls. By working around these key areas you'll come



SEEING THE LIGHT—Homeowners are learning to use lighting styles to bring out the best in their yards.

up with a layout that not only highlights your property, but creates an attractive look, tying together your backyard, deck or patio.

Each 12 volt fixture is easily wired from a central transformer that changes your house current to a safe low voltage power source. Also on the Web site are several tricks of the trade in how to get the most from your lighting: like how close or how far to place each fixture, how to size your transformer, and what are the best fixtures to use for each application.

For more information on how to light up your landscape visit www.securitylighting.com.