

Prohibited Lighting

- Drop-down lenses
- Mercury vapor lights
- Ultraviolet lights
- Searchlights, laser lights, or any lighting that flashes, blinks, alternates or moves



Outdoor Lighting Height Requirements

The maximum height from the ground to the top of the light fixture cannot exceed:

- 20 Feet in Residential, Agricultural, Open Space, and Watershed Zones
 - If an outdoor light is more than 15 feet above the ground, then the light must emit less than 400 lumens (approximately 40 watts, as stated by the manufacturer's maximum output rating)
- 35 Feet in Industrial Zones
- 30 Feet in Any Other Zone
- 75 Feet for Recreational Fields (only when necessary to illuminate the field)
- The Director may permit lights at taller heights when the property owner clearly explains that fixtures at a taller height would reduce the number of light fixtures needed to properly illuminate the property and would not cause light trespass.

Additional Resources

To view the Rural Outdoor Lighting District Ordinance, Rural Map, and other supporting materials, please visit

<http://planning.lacounty.gov/darkskies>

The International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) seeks to preserve the natural night skies around the world. To learn more, visit

www.darksky.org

Astronomers Without Borders
One People One Sky

www.astronomerswithoutborders.org



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Land Development Coordinating Center

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OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

Assessor's Office.....888-807-2111

Business License.....213-974-2011

Public Health Department.....213-240-8289

Public Works.....626-458-5100

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Rural Outdoor Lighting District



Dark Skies for Los Angeles County

Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
<http://planning.lacounty.gov>

Los Angeles County Rural Outdoor Lighting District

Residents of the Los Angeles County's unincorporated rural areas, especially those in the Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, and the Santa Monica Mountains value nighttime dark skies that are unimpeded by light pollution. Dark skies are one of the many qualities that set rural areas apart from urban and suburban communities. Through the promotion of dark skies and the subsequent protection of wildlife, Los Angeles County can conserve energy and resources while preserving the dark night skies.

Light Trespass

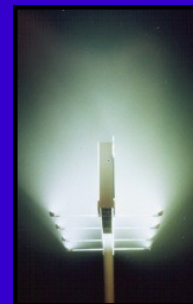
When light falls where it is not wanted, needed, or intended, it trespasses and causes unwanted light pollution. This hurts the environment, wastes energy, and disrupts the health and comfort of nearby neighbors.



Examples of Good Outdoor Lighting



Examples of Bad Outdoor Lighting



What can I do?

- **Save Money and Energy**
 - Reduce wattage of outdoor lamps by replacing current lamps with more energy-efficient counterparts.
 - Reduce hours of use using time controls.
- **Shield Lights**
 - All outdoor lighting (including porch lights and floodlights) should be shielded on the top and sides to minimize light trespassing.

Examples of Properly Shielded Lights



- **Motion Detectors**
 - If motion detectors are used on lighting, the lights must turn off after 10 minutes.
- **Signs**
 - Lights on all new signs must be pointed downward and shielded.