Where can I learn more about dark sky friendly outdoor lighting?

International Dark Sky Association
www.darksky.org

Ojai Valley Green Coalition
Resource Center
327 E. Ojai Ave.
Ojai CA 93023
Hours: Wed.-Fri. 12 to 5 p.m.

Is Your Outdoor Lighting Neighbor Friendly?

Photos: International Dark Sky Assoc. FX
Luminaire, Glare Buster LSI Industries Inc
Minka Lavery, Parshield, PG&E, RAB Lighting
Starrynightlights.com, Steel Partners
### Why Should I care?

The Ojai Valley Green Coalition often hears from people who are unable to sleep or enjoy the night because a neighbor's outdoor lighting invades their home and yard.

Many do not realize how far and intensely light from unshielded fixtures can travel, causing problems beyond our own neighborhoods.

Such light causes sky glow, which destroys one's view of the night sky. It can also impact wildlife causing disorientation and confusion.

### Why Use Neighbor Friendly Outdoor Lighting?

1. Prevents light trespass and glare
2. Saves energy and money
3. Provides needed safety and security
4. Enables dark sleep for generating melatonin
5. Enables all to enjoy and study the night sky
6. Protects wildlife's natural migrations and circadian rhythms.
7. Supports outdoor lighting guidelines and ordinances

### Components of night friendly lighting

1. Fully shielded light fixtures positioned so light only shines down
2. Motion sensors and/or timers so lights are on only when needed
3. Fewest number of light fixtures possible with minimum height.
4. Low wattage, energy-efficient light bulbs