

## Fall & Winter Outdoor Lighting

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While the holidays can provide much of the inspiration for your outdoor lighting during the fall and winter seasons, the earlier nights provide ample reason to creatively light walkways and areas you frequently access in the evenings. Here's some tips to get you started.

### MOONLIGHTING

One of the most popular trends in outdoor lighting is so-called moonlighting, a lighting technique that mimics the effect of moonlight whispering through the soft beams and tree boughs to your deck or outdoor space below. The result is subtle, elegant and creates a ton of ambiance.

To achieve a silvery blue



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#### Outdoor lighting safety

Outdoor sconces, lamps and string lights are great for adding ambiance (and extra visibility) to your yard. But if you don't install and maintain them correctly, they can quickly turn into safety hazards. Good Housekeeping offers tips to keep your outdoor light safe and bright at [bit.ly/2GTkPNd](https://bit.ly/2GTkPNd).

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Start by opting for low-voltage, softer bulbs. Remember, moonlighting is all about effect, not security, and bright-

er lights will ruin the effect.

#### HOLIDAY LIGHTING

The holidays provide multiple opportunities to light the outside of your home in attractive, creative ways that offer the warmth of the season and welcome guests to your home. Here's some pop-

ular choices.

**Garlands and wreaths:** A simple way to add festive lighting is using a pre-lit garland and wreaths. Pre-lit garlands take the work out of wrapping garlands with your own lights and lighting is pre-spaced to achieve the proper balance. Wreaths are staples

of holiday decorating, so adding lights just promotes their beauty at night. To make them even more festive, replace your lights with green and red bulbs

**Lanterns:** These versatile lighting fixtures can be used inside and outdoors and come in a variety of sizes and shapes to that provide unique illumination. Lanterns can hang indoors or out to illuminate stairways and porches, or can be positioned at ground level to provide a warm, lit path or walkway.

**String lights:** Many people leave Christmas string lights up at their homes year-round, but when the holidays roll around you'll see many homes illuminated using these popular, colored lights draped around windows, doors, porches and trees.

Winter is the perfect time to use holiday decor on the outskirts of your home. Use bold lights that add a classic holiday feel for a well-lit space that screams holiday cheer. Get as creative as you please with these lights as they allow you to match your indoor festive decor with the outside of your home.

When it comes to holiday decorating, the sky is literally the limit when adding accent lighting to your home. But always ensure all your wiring and sockets work to keep your holidays safe.





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### HOMEWISSE GLOSSARY

**Junior mortgage:** A second, third or equity mortgage that is subordinate to an existing lien already on the property. SOURCE: MLS.com

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