

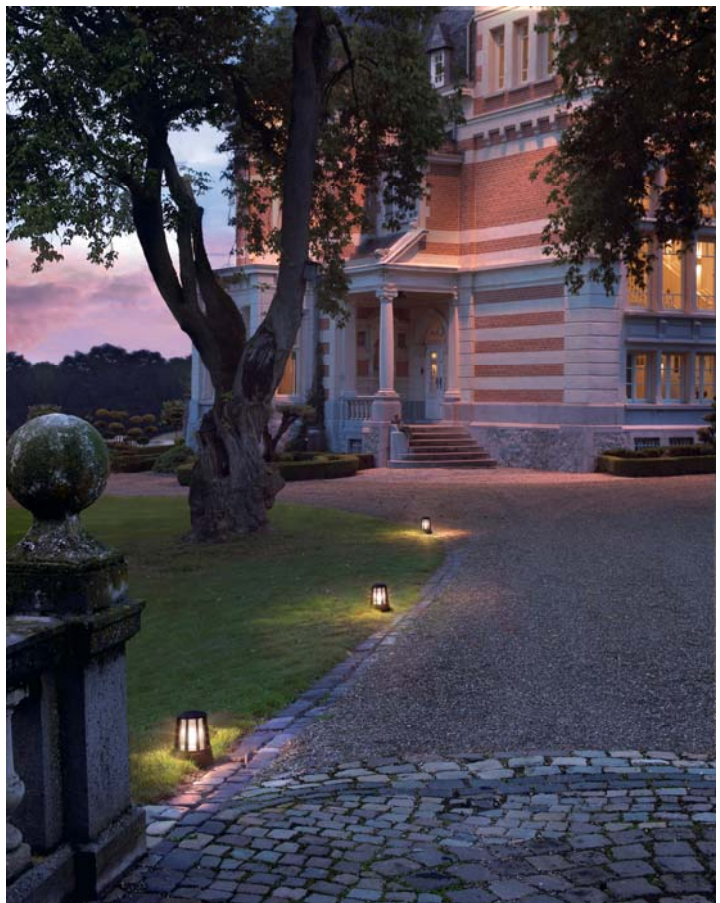


Outdoor Lighting Techniques In The Garden For Creating Space

Contemporary design has made us all aware of how important space is. Just as we endeavour to create space inside our homes making your property appear more spacious outside is something that outside lighting techniques in the garden can achieve. Space is a premium in any property so it makes sense to make the most of it – you have paid for it after all.

Buildings can be very imposing, some can look bland and this too can make them seem oppressive. Where a building has overhangs, corners, maybe even flying buttresses if you live in a castle there is plenty you can do to take advantage of the shapes and bring them out of the shadows to create an illusion of greater space and to ensure there are no dark corners for unpleasant lurkers or prowlers.

If you have large lawns or tarmac space flanking your property outside you can make them more interesting by adding spike lights to wash a wall with light and possibly install wall mounted lights on step approaches to make them more interesting and provide a safe route for those using them. Floodlights, depending on how you might angle them will provide exceptional illumination that could also take in any specific features in the surroundings too. Even areas that have no features can come to life by introducing ornamental lights as features in their own right. For a fairytale front or back lawn, large cubes or globes can be very effective ways of bringing attention to an area without having to add anything else.



Concentrating a beam of light on a specimen tree, for example, not only draws attention to the item, giving a reason for the light, but it provides a secondary function – extra illumination and the illusion of space. You could have lighting through the branches of a tree to create a moonlight effect, subtle, attractive and non-intrusive but functional enough to allow you to get your bearings as you pass nearby. Walkways, which during daylight might have dappled light and shadow, can

become dark and scary places once the sun disappears. How many people avoid unlit alleyways in the dark? Make the most of this feature by installing LED fittings that can be recessed into the frame so there is nothing frightening or unwelcome when you choose this route through a garden at night.



When a space looks well-maintained it gives a very good impression about a home. You will be encouraged to keep it like that too so you can enjoy your outside surrounding when the weather permits by being part of them or simply enjoy the light show from a window or French doors once darker and cooler nights keep you inside. Scattered toys or clothes are soon noticed and brought back inside and leaf fall is more often cleared away when homeowners can see their grounds and have something to admire all year round, even when the plants have taken their winter break.

If you wish to incorporate a security element to your lighting plan, choose fittings with PIR motion sensors. These can have their timers set to suit your requirements, which is a practical and economical way of providing light to see your way from one area to another as well as having the light activated by callers to your property.