



Exterior Lighting Techniques For Statues, Fountains, Architectural Features and Plants

Take a moment or two to conduct an inventory of the features you have on the exterior of your property, you might be surprised what you list. Just as you accent features inside your home, you can enhance the appearance of your property exterior with illumination of different elements. In the UK we are fortunate to have distinct seasons and light patterns that can contribute to the beauty of fixed features such as garden statuary, bird baths and fountains or architectural features of buildings, walls and pathways. Plants too can make a spectacular focus when bathed in ambient light. Decide which features you really want to show off and you'll soon be buzzing with ideas. And for those of you with ponds in your garden, you know how much of a difference good lighting can make.



In seasons where the nights are longer it is magical to look out and see features lit up, perhaps frosted in the winter for extra glister and gleam, maybe with icicles or snow canopies to bring an ethereal touch to the setting. These elements can be further enhanced by using different colours to make the light play enchanting. Not only can exterior garden lighting draw attention to your features and make them look chic and sophisticated but they can offer security and safety too if you install kits with built-in motion sensors or add such an item to your chosen design.

Exterior lighting techniques in the garden will bring a contemporary element even to traditional surroundings. One of the best forms of lighting for a property exterior is LED lighting as it is economical to run and allows you to make the most of those items you have identified as being worthy of illuminated display. Of course you need to make sure any exterior lighting meets the requirements for safety regarding waterproofing as it can be subject to water ingress from

cleaning and irrigation that might put extra stress on fitting, not just the weather's foibles with hot, cold, freeze and thaw.



Bollard lights are a simple way to highlight a pathway and draw attention to flowerbeds or neat kerbs, and gravel, cobblestone or brick paving. They range in height from knee height to hip height and can be as subtle or as showy as you prefer. Think of the detail you see in commercial and industrial photography when there is a close up, the ground under your feet can be quite beautiful to look at. Similarly, a floodlit wall can bounce the light on to a pathway while showing the stonework or brickwork to its best advantage. Placing a wall light above a hanging basket could perform a double duty – showing off the wall as well as the wonderful display of flowers. Its lantern could be a feature in its own right once the flowers have died. Positioning spike lights in among plants allows you to appreciate the foliage and flowers into the night, not just the day time and post top lanterns, always elegant, delineate property boundaries as well as illuminating nearby plants, shrubs and trees.