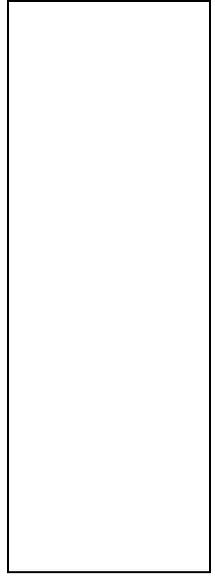
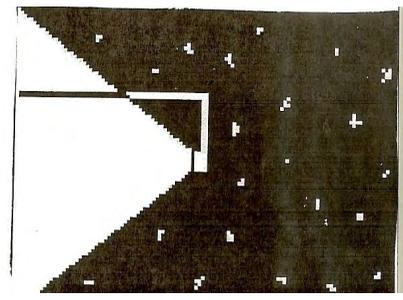


# Town of East Hampton

## NEW OUTDOOR LIGHTING LAW FOR OUR HOMES



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East Hampton has adopted new outdoor lighting regulations. Just a few simple changes in how we light our Town will make a big difference.

### Public Safety

Light from excessive, unshielded and poorly directed lighting is dangerous for drivers and pedestrians on our roads at night.

### Our Rural Character

Dark natural landscapes and our beautiful night sky are qualities that set us apart from the urban and suburban areas to the west.

### Light Trespass

Although we all have a right to appropriately light our own property, we need to also respect the privacy and rights of our neighbors.



The joy of country living!



OOPS!



Open, please!

What homeowners need to know about East Hampton's new smart lighting law.

PLEASE TURN OVER

# Smart Outdoor Lighting Ordinance For Residential Properties (adopted October 6, 2006)

All outdoor lights on residential properties must now be:

**Fully Shielded** and may be of any intensity or wattage.

Unless...It is:

1. **Exempt** from the law.
2. **A House Light** or **Landscape Light** in certain instances. (See charts).

A **fully shielded** outdoor light fixture is one that projects all of its light below the horizontal plane ( see diagram). The light source (light-emitting part of the lamp or bulb) must not be visible beyond property lines.



A **house light** is an outdoor light mounted within 5-feet of a doorway on a residential building . There are different regulations for these types of lights depending on when the building was constructed (See charts).

**Landscape lights** are lights that are designed to illuminate foliage, pathways and landscape features. There are different regulations for these types of lights depending on when the building was constructed and where the lights are mounted. (See charts).

Chart 1 **Buildings Constructed Before October 6, 2006**

Type of Light (See definitions to the left)	Need to be Fully Shielded?	Maximum lumens/watts per fixture if not fully shielded
House light	No	900 lumens (approx. 60 watts incandescent)
Landscape light within 5 feet of property line (ex. Driveway stanchion)	No	200 lumens (approx. 25 watts incandescent)
Landscape light mounted on building	No	550 lumens (approx. 40 watts incandescent)
All other landscape lights	No	550 lumens (approx. 40 watts incandescent)

Chart 2 **Buildings Constructed After October 6, 2006**

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## EXEMPTIONS

Marina power pedestals, uplighting for flags, temporary lights, tree uplights, those lights allowed by a mass gathering permit, maritime navigational lighting, municipal street lighting and airport lighting regulated by federal law. Please review the Town Code if you think your lighting might fall into one of these categories.

## Lighting Fixtures in the Smart Outdoor Lighting Law

**Correct**

**Incorrect**

★ Exceptions if in place before Oct 6, 2006 (See Chart #1)

Further details of the new lighting law are contained in the following sections of the Town Code.

- §255-1 -20 Definitions
- §255-1 -81 Purpose
- §255-1 -82 Applicability
- §255-1 -83 General Lighting Standards

Visit the Town web site for the full text of the law: [www.town.east-hampton.ny.us](http://www.town.east-hampton.ny.us)

### Lighting Hints:

\*Conforming fixtures may be found at:

[www.darksky.org/lighting](http://www.darksky.org/lighting)

\*Or contact your local retailers for more information on where to purchase conforming fixtures.

\*Compact fluorescent bulbs (which last longer, are more energy efficient and reduce costs) may be purchased at local hardware stores.

If you are handicapped or a senior citizen and need assistance replacing outdoor lighting or pointing your lights downward, please call 324-6466

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