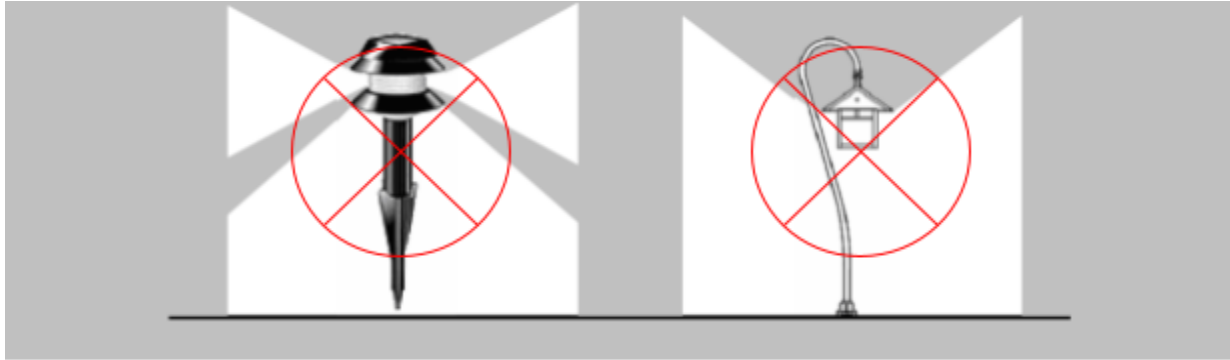
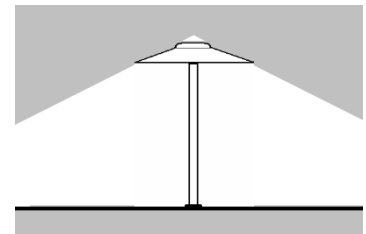


Dark Sky and Neighbor Friendly Walkway Lights

Pathway or walkway lights should be fully shielded. Transparent or translucent/colored glass or plastic on sides including honey-colored or translucent glass sides will be annoyingly bright and create glare especially if there are many fixtures. Partial shields on top do not prevent glare to you and your visitors or your neighbors as the image below illustrates.



Instead install a minimum number of fully shielded fixtures. The light will be directed downward to the ground providing better visibility, no light trespass, and no glare. Remember to use lights with a Color Correlated Temperature < 2700 K and use the minimum brightness necessary. Home depot recommends 100-200 lumens per fixture.



Buying considerations: A large number of options are available at hardware and online stores. Be sure to use a “dark sky” filter when searching. Solar powered lights are easy to install since they don’t require wiring. Low voltage (12 V) lights are also available but a transformer and wiring will be needed.



Preserve, enhance and promote dark skies in the Methow Valley

Find more lighting resources at <https://www.methowdarksky.org/light-solutions>

