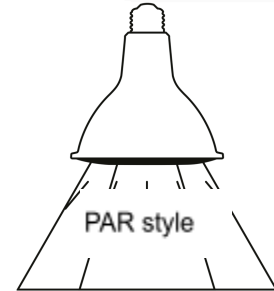


## Dark Sky and Neighbor Friendly Porch and Deck Lights



All outdoor lighting fixtures should be fully shielded with the light source fully recessed and the light pointing down. There are hundreds of different options available in many styles. You can find them at Lowes, Home Depot and many online stores. Because shielded lights focus light where it's needed, lower lumens in the 200-800 range are sufficient. Bulbs should have a color correlated temperature less than 2700 °K although amber (1800-2200 °K) is preferred.

If you have existing fixtures and can't change them, there are still easy improvements you can make. For fixtures that open at the bottom (hanging bulb as shown below), simply replace the bulb with a focused beam PAR style bulb. This will go a long way towards reducing glare and light trespass at very minimal cost. Some light fixtures can be shielded with separately procured shields.



For fixtures with candle-like bulbs or globe fixtures, or bulbs mounted on the bottom, it's best to replace them with fully shielded fixtures (top). Otherwise, use the lowest lumen lamp suitable for your needs (200-800 lumens).



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

