

## What is Light Pollution?

- **Sky glow:** bright halo over urban, suburban, and some rural areas at night due to bad outside lighting
- **Glare:** light that shines horizontally and directly into a person's eyes
- **Light trespass:** unwanted artificial light (floodlights, security lights, streetlights) that spills onto property which would otherwise be dark
- **Over-illumination:** artificial lighting that is brighter and on longer than required for a specific activity

### Night-Sky-Friendly Lighting

- can be **aesthetically attractive** & **enhance neighbourhood appearance**
- allows people to move around safely – they are not blinded by glare
- keeps light on ground - where it is needed
- prevents light trespass onto other's property and into their homes
- saves energy, money, and the environment
- keeps night sky unpolluted ([www.starrynightlights.com](http://www.starrynightlights.com))

Our Vanishing Night. *National Geographic* (November 2008)

Can We Win the War Against Light Pollution? *Astronomy* (February 2009)

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