



Hints For Homeowners

Brighten Up: Increase Outdoor Living Safety And Ambience With Deck Lighting

(NAPSA)—With the proper lighting, family and friends can enjoy good times outdoors long into the evening without being left in the dark. To make sure the fun doesn't have to end when the sun goes down, consider these four simple suggestions to select deck lighting that creates a warm and inviting backyard:

- **Go for the Glow**—Choose lighting that won't flood your deck with light but instead casts a natural and subtle glow that produces understated silhouettes. Install a dimmer switch so you can adjust the mood as the evening progresses and a timer to set lights to turn on automatically after dusk and fade away before the sun rises.

- **Let Your Décor Shine**—Today's deck lighting comes in a variety of styles and should be a beautiful finishing touch that coordinates seamlessly with decking and railing. Think about the outdoor spaces where you spend the most time or the favorite elements of your home's exterior and highlight appropriately.

Recessed lighting installs flush on deck boards to light a path or accent a design, while riser lights keep stairways safe and create festive patterns. Install rail lights on posts to illuminate the deck below and integrate post cap lights for a warm downward glow that marks the way.

- **Cut Energy Costs**—Long-life LED deck lighting is best for both the environment and your electricity bill. For instance, new Trex DeckLighting™ operates for



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up to 40,000 hours of life and uses 75 percent less energy than conventional incandescent lighting. LED options also prevent voltage drops, which means the last light in the series is just as bright as the first.

- **Lighten the (Work) Load**—To spend more time relaxing outdoors, select lighting that may be installed on a new or existing deck in just one weekend. Trex DeckLighting also significantly reduces time spent maintaining. Weather-proof, salt air resistant and offering the extra security of a seven-year warranty, it's guaranteed to retain a "like new" appearance for years to come—while its long life ensures you won't need to constantly replace lightbulbs.

"The best deck lighting not only helps you save money on maintenance and energy costs, but also significantly extends the amount of time you're able to spend enjoying outdoor living spaces," said Adam Zambanini, vice president of marketing for Trex, the world's largest manufacturer of wood-alternative decking and railing. "Choose a lighting collection that offers flexible design options, while also providing a strong return on investment and creating a more inviting outdoor living environment."

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For more deck lighting inspiration and ideas, visit the world's largest manufacturer of wood-alternative decking and railing at www.trex.com and (800) 289-8739.