

Protecting the Night Sky

Far West Texas has some of the darkest night skies in the world, but effort must be taken to preserve this natural, cultural, and scientific resource. Outdoor lighting ordinances are in place to help protect the night sky and keep our communities safe.

Night Sky Friendly Lighting

Practice these principles at your own home or business:



Shielding: Lights should be shielded so no light is emitted into the sky or off-property.



Color Temperature: Lights should be a soft white or amber color (<2700K)



Intensity: Lights should not be brighter than necessary.



Timing: Lights that are not in use should be turned off, put on a motion detector, or timer.



An example of a poorly designed light



An example of night-sky friendly lighting