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### Lighting the Garden

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Lighting is a necessary part of the landscape to illuminate pathways, steps and entryways. But because it is usually considered primarily as a safety measure, the opportunity to enhance the garden with an imaginative use of light and fixtures is all too often overlooked. The drawings below “Using Light for Maximum Effect,” will help you in experimenting with lighting in your garden. Another deterrent to the decorative use of outdoor lighting is the high cost of installation. This expense can be greatly reduced by installing a low voltage system yourself. The picture shows that lighting fixtures in the garden can be very attractive. The example shown here lights the walkway and greenery. By day the frame of the fixtures themselves gives them a different kind of character and interest. I hope you enjoy this information. This lighting is not only pretty at night but also a nice sculptural during the day. Resouce: reader’s digest Practical Guide to Home Landscaping.

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