



Skywatcher

*"Our ability to see the stars
is our window on the universe."*

—Skywatcher

Dear Neighbor,

I have discovered some facts about light pollution that I want to share. Did you know that over-bright outdoor lights are both expensive for homeowners and cost the environment even more?

Indoor lights left on at night through unshaded windows and poorly aimed outdoor lights:

- use more energy and cost more money than they need to
- confuse nocturnal animals by disrupting their eating and reproducing
- disrupt the sleep of diurnal animals (including humans) leading to health problems
- harm migrating birds and hatching turtles
- keep us from seeing the stars

Leaving lights on at night may make us feel safer, but there are ways to be safe, save money, and help our environment. I encourage you to visit www.darksky.org to learn about adapting outdoor lighting to save money and the lives of wildlife. I hope you will explore it.

Thanks for considering!

Sincerely,

Your Local Skywatcher

My research was inspired by reading the book *Skywatcher* by Jamie Hogan (Tilbury House).