

Home Renovations, Decor, Furnishing...

# Total Home

## Casting light on lighting systems

Good lighting incorporated into a landscape design has two advantages: it allows us to take safe advantage of the outdoors, even late at night and highlights the different elements of the garden.

During the day, lighting effects are not possible. However, once the evening comes, imagine the spectacular results you can achieve by judiciously choosing your lighting system. For example, you can highlight a beautiful group of shrubs by hiding one or a few floodlights in the lowest plants. Somewhere else, a

blue light bulb can make the colour of the flowers appear twice as vivid.

There are a few rules to follow to create perfect lighting for the garden. If you want to use lighted areas such as the terrace or a playground, be sure that the lighting is sufficient for everyone's security. Dark areas, especially where children will be playing, can be dangerous. To make a small garden look bigger, place the floodlights far from the house. In this way, they will also highlight other areas of the garden.

Avoid coloured lights (except for blue and white). For example, a red light would give a dirty brown colour to green foliage. Before purchasing any sort of lighting system, walk around your lot at night with a light. Not just with a flashlight, but rather with a storm lantern or a floodlight equipped with a long electrical extension. Move around the garden putting down the light and judging the results. Once the sites have been selected and the number of floodlights decided on, choose equipment that have bases made of aluminum alloy, stainless steel, bronze or plastic.



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Good day to all my wonderful friends and customers, Sydney's Home Decor is still in the process of moving to another location in Stouffville, however, the majority of you know that I was not continuing the retail end of the business. Our new location will be on Main Street Stouffville – just a little east of Ninth Line.

**Some Testimonials**

*"Dear Lisa, I have to Thank you so much for making my drapes so beautiful. I know I will enjoy them for years to come. Hope to see you soon"!!*

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Aurora, On  
January, 2008