

Pledge

Texas Hill Country Night Sky Co-Op

Whereas, the Texas Hill Country is widely acknowledged for its scenic beauty, diverse ecosystems, and rich cultural heritage; and

Whereas, the starry nighttime sky above the Hill Country is a rich natural resource to be enjoyed by all Hill Country residents and visitors alike; and

Whereas, the Hill Country night skies, long treasured by our predecessors, are threatened by ever increasing numbers of outdoor lighting fixtures that shine up into the sky rather than exclusively downward, thus contributing to light pollution and a continuing degradation of the nighttime skies; and

Whereas, without the cooperative efforts of Hill Country residents, businesses, and governmental entities, the stars gracing the Hill Country’s nighttime skies will grow ever dimmer, even to the point of disappearance.

I (we) do hereby promise to protect and preserve the treasured natural wonder that is the Hill Country’s starry nighttime skies by practicing sound outdoor lighting management with the goal of reducing or eliminating light escaping over the horizon from outdoor light fixtures on my property.

By voluntarily pledging to be respectful of the Hill Country’s nighttime sky, I am (we are) joining other Hill Country residents, land owners, businesses, and governmental entities, large and small, in helping preserve this treasured natural resource.

Name: _____ Business/Ranch: _____

Email: _____ County: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Hill Country Night Sky Co-Op Founding Members:

The Preserve at Walnut Springs, Blanco County; Selah/Bamberger Ranch, Blanco County; LBJ National Historical Park, Blanco and Gillespie County; Reese River Ranch, Blanco County; Garrison Brothers Distillery, Blanco County; Double H Ranch, Blanco County; The Hershey Ranch, Gillespie County; Native American Seed, Kimble County; Red Corral Ranch, Hays County



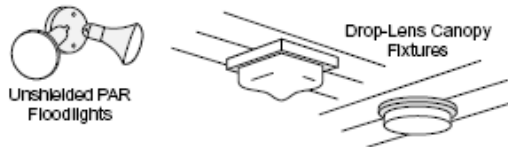
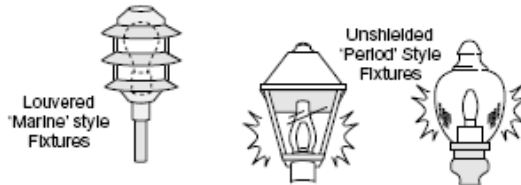
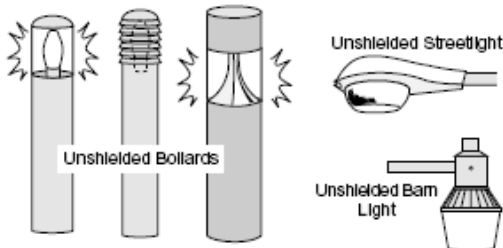
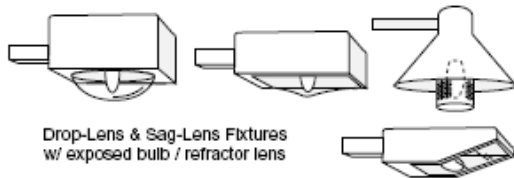
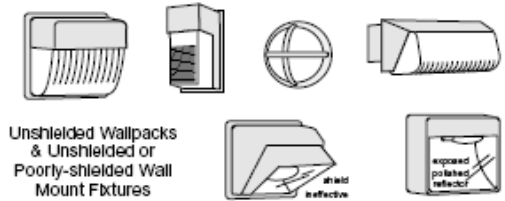
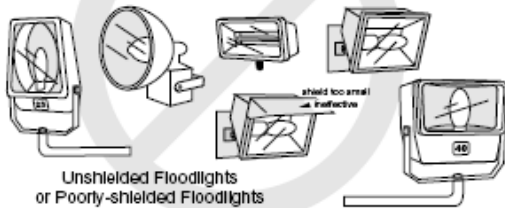
Learn more about Hill Country efforts to protect our starry skies at: www.hillcountrynightskies.org and/or www.hillcountrynightskycoop.org , both hosted by the Hill Country Alliance www.hillcountryalliance.org

Better Lights for Better Nights

Help eliminate light pollution. Select the best fixture for your application using this guide. Use the lowest wattage bulb appropriate for the task and turn off the light when it's not being used.

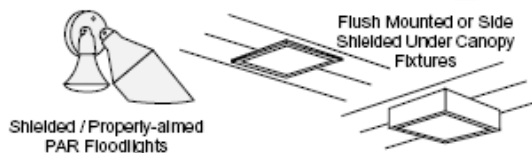
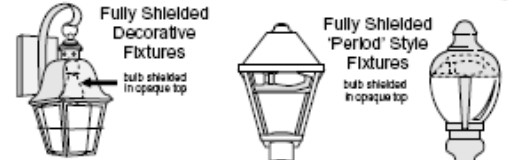
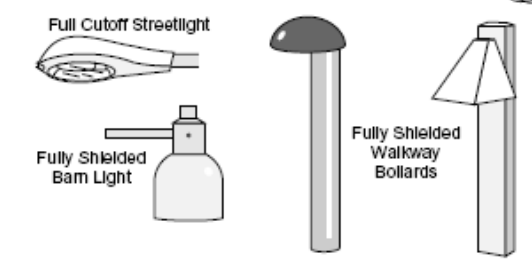
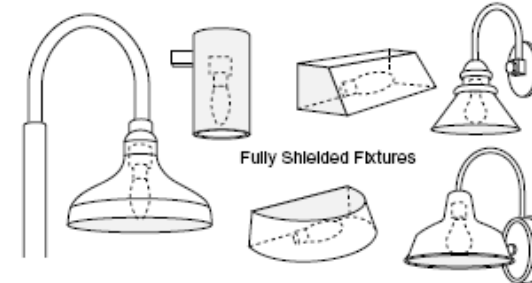
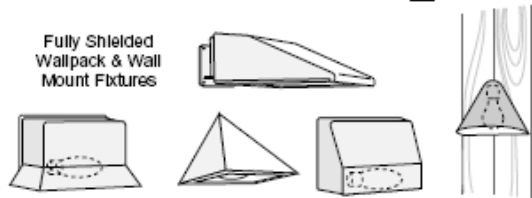
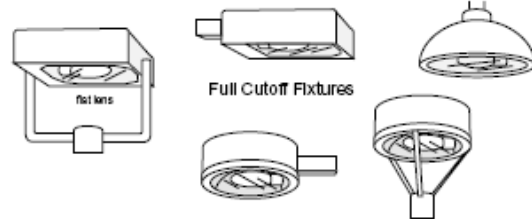
Unacceptable / Discouraged

Fixtures that produce glare and light trespass



Acceptable

Fixtures that shield the light source to minimize glare and light trespass and to facilitate better vision at night



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