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Light Pollution

Leaving a light on at night can be a sign of welcome to guests, a warning to burglars, or just an act of forgetfulness. But environmental advocates and astronomers unite in asking cities around the world to turn off the lights.

Astronomers, environmental advocates and groups such as the International Dark-Sky Association say that the light radiating from cities and towns around the world create a form of pollution. Just as smog keeps us from seeing the natural beauty of the sky, light pollution keeps us from seeing the stars.

These groups explain that the danger of light pollution is not just to our view of the stars. Artificial light at night is disruptive to wildlife and is harmful to migrating birds. In addition, leaving all the lights on outside while everyone is fast asleep wastes millions of dollars each year in energy costs.

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