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Outdoor Lighting Can Provide Safety and Security While Enhancing Look and Value of Home

Maryville, Tenn. — It's that time again to snuggle under the covers a little longer while enjoying that extra hour in the morning after "falling back an hour." Although it is nice to enjoy the sunrise on your way to work in the morning, coming home from work with the sun quickly setting on the horizon and darkness already creeping in can be problematic when arriving home to a house surrounded in darkness. One way to increase the safety and aesthetics around your home is to install outdoor lighting.

According to Clint Allison, president of Rainscapes, "outdoor lighting around the home can enhance safety and security and provide accent to unique features of a home or landscape which can add tremendous value to a home."

There are two types of outdoor lighting, low voltage and high voltage; however, low voltage is the most popular for residential installations due to safety issues and ease of installation.

One misconception about outdoor lighting is that everything in the landscape has to be lit, explained Allison. "Much of the time less is more; by first lighting for safety and security, then adding key features of the home or landscape will allow a beautiful nightly glow without giving a home a commercial feel," said Allison.

A popular way to make outdoor lighting environmentally friendly is to use LED lights. These lights provide a bright light while using a fraction of the electricity while providing a bulb life that lasts 10 times longer than a standard bulb.

Allison suggests that homeowners save more time and money by having a professional install outdoor lighting as opposed to doing it themselves. Self-installing lighting can leave room for errors that can cause shorts, electrical fires, electrocution and more.

"Professionals take into account wattage, voltage drop, cable sizes, fixture and bulb selection in addition to how the landscape will change through time," said Allison. "Professionals also are

experienced in installation techniques which can insure a system will be installed safely and correctly the first time.”

Rainscapes provides design, installation and service for new and existing lighting systems. For more information on outdoor lighting and Rainscapes’ services, please visit www.rainscapes.com.

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