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Outdoor lighting 'cheap policemen'

AS ONE homeowner recently expressed: "Outdoor lights are the cheapest policemen."

And so they are. No matter where you live, the best security for your home and family is outdoor lighting.

Fortunately, new outdoor lighting systems have been developed in recent years so that you can design for any home an outdoor lighting plan that offers both security and decoration.

A number of companies now offer a free outdoor lighting analysis. If you invited a lighting analysis, be sure that the outdoor lighting plan developed makes use of a number of different types of outdoor lighting systems.

PERHAPS THE BEST recent development in outdoor lighting is the infra-red security light. These lighting systems are designed to flood an area with light whenever a person enters into the sensing zone. If installed in your backyard, the infra-red light will burst on when an intruder enters your yard at night.

You can also install an infra-red light on your driveway so that light is provided when you drive up in your car.

The second type of outdoor lighting system to include in your lighting plan is low-voltage light. The Detroit Edison Co., for instance, recently reported that over 30,000 low-voltage post lights have been installed in the tri-county area in recent years.

Low voltage lights offer many advantages. The systems are safe to operate, installation is fairly inexpensive, and operating costs are minimal both in terms of electricity and maintenance.

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Also, a well-designed low-voltage lighting system will enhance your landscaping and highlight the architectural features of your home.

SINCE LOW-VOLTAGE lamp-heads are now available in brass, cast aluminum or plastic, a style can be found to match the architectural decor of any home. There are dozens of lamp-heads to choose from.

There are also dozens of styles of low-voltage garden lights. Garden lights can be placed in trees to provide "moonlighting." Tier lights can safely light steps and walkways. Ground floodlights can highlight flower beds or silhouette shrubs against the house. Well lights can illuminate an alcove or bring out interesting features such as tree bark.

A qualified lighting expert can greatly help you achieve your duo lighting goals of security and attractiveness. With this home improvement project, the planning put in will be illuminated by the results.

Pool cover a big help

A swimming pool is designed and located in a choice location for its scenic or luxurious view in the summertime.

Wonderful, but what about the rest of the year — the other six to eight months?

An area firm, RJH Enterprises Inc., believes it has the answer on taking the work out of an opening your pool.

It's an inflated cover that provides a dome-like contour that deflects the leaves and the rain in the fall season, and snow in areas that have minimal accumulation.

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By reinflating the cover, the air pushes the water accumulation to one end of the pool where it can be easily pumped off. For more information on the cover, call 544-2708.