



A Sustainable Lake Bluff...

Sheds Light On The Problem

*Responsible lighting choices
can save energy and
the environment.*

A constant presence in our lives, light bulbs are an essential part of our daily routines. While necessary, most light bulbs are also a large source of waste, with much of the energy used to power old bulbs being lost as heat. About 16% of total U.S. electricity usage is for lighting.

In particular, outdoor lighting is a major energy draw and also contributes to our light pollution problems. About 5% of total U.S. electricity usage is for lighting. Studies show that artificial outdoor light interferes with insects, plant maturity, birds, bats, and pollination.

No one is suggesting that Lake Bluff should live in the dark - but we can make more responsible choices that save money, help our natural environment, and preserve our small-town character.

Be Part Of The Solution

- ComEd offers Lake Bluff residents **FREE energy assessments** that include free LED bulbs as well as other efficiency products.
- For exterior lighting, consider using dimmer bulbs, lights with a lower color temperature (yellow tint), and timers or sensors.
- Avoid uplighting that sends light into the sky, and consider shielded fixtures. Shields direct light only where it is needed and may allow you to use dimmer bulbs..