



Attention, residents! As you may know, the City of Horseshoe Bay is a designated Dark Sky Community. Recently, City employees have received questions regarding dark sky compliance and how residents can make minor modifications to their outdoor lighting to help the City maintain its designation.

Helpful resources are available on the City's website by visiting [www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/darksky](http://www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov/darksky). Residents may also reference the City's [Code of Ordinances](#) to learn more about dark sky compliance.

The nighttime environment is a crucial natural resource for all life on Earth, but the glow of uncontrolled outdoor lighting has hidden the stars, causing serious harm to human and animal health, and the environment. About 15 million tons of carbon dioxide are emitted each year to power residential outdoor lighting in the U.S.; 600 million trees would need to be planted to offset that amount of carbon emission. 13% of residential electricity use is for outdoor lighting, and 35% of that light is wasted by unshielded and/or poorly aimed light fixtures.

### **The Solution Starts with You - Get Your Home Certified as Dark Sky Friendly!**

By following simple principles for responsible outdoor lighting at home, you can protect nocturnal wildlife, be a good neighbor, and help us preserve the night sky.

