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New Outdoor Lighting Illuminates al Fresco Evenings

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Tikki torches, string lights and candles have been illuminating homeowners' backyards for years allowing them to take advantage of warm summer evenings. But those light sources leave something to be desired; prompting homeowners to look for a better option.

In response to this demand, outdoor lighting has really evolved during the past few years. New options give homeowners plenty to choose from – spanning from novelty to more sophisticated, aesthetic choices. Manufacturers are now providing innovative lighting products that can be incorporated into landscaping and decking. These lights offer a warm, ambient glow adding to a deck's atmosphere and replacing the old glaring flood lights of decades past.

One option, offered by TimberTech®, is the company's new low-voltage outdoor lighting system, DeckLites®, which easily installs into TimberTech's railing posts and balusters. There's also a stair riser fixture that seamlessly works with steps. Want to bring additional light to other back yard areas? The post cap lights work with TimberTech's FenceScape to help accent landscaping or create a decorative backyard border.

"We took note that outdoor living, particularly activities centered on the deck, has been growing in popularity," states Dave Waltz, TimberTech product manager. "Now, consumers are looking to extending the amount of time they can enjoy the outdoors and the DeckLites line offers great flexibility and elegant design."

The ability to strategically place outdoor lighting – especially with decks – is significant for homeowners. Too bright or too high and lights can cause an unwanted distraction for house guests and attract swarms of insects. Illuminating stairs and corners with light provides added safety for entertaining in the evening hours.

As more homeowners are opting for staycations, they can create a space that is more appealing, safer and comfortable. Investing in a backyard retreat the right way can help get the most bang for the buck while extending the enjoyment past sundown.