Just because you live on a quiet street doesn't mean there can't be a little drama.
• Think first about what makes your outdoor areas special before tackling a lightscaping project. For example, a stone house, with its unusual texture, may look best if grazed with lights placed very close to the wall. And if a home has an interesting statue or fountain or gateway, those areas are worthy of attention. When it's dark out, you can show off your home and its gardens by using fairly low levels of well-placed lighting.

• Mounted floodlights in tree branches can be very effective in creating a nighttime effect. Shadows cast on the ground will reflect a variety of unusual shapes on your lawn. We recommend using a SYLVANIA halogen bulb to create this subtle yet enchanting effect.

• Usually people view big objects like trees with overhead lighting from the sun or streetlights, which reduces the perception of height. Natural patterns, size and color of trees or large plants are enhanced using so-called “uplighting,” which positions spot or floodlight light sources under an object, illuminating its sides or underneath.

• When choosing the perfect bulb for uplighting, pay attention to color. Full halogen in an orange or yellow/red woodland bulb will produce less dramatic green tones under the same light. SYLVANIA halogen lighting enhances color in up lighting.

• Pay extra attention to those trees, shrubs and flowers you can view from inside your home. Lighted gardens outside a living room or dining room give an expanded view of space.

• Try mounting low-voltage lamps, such as SYLVANIA MR16s in the eaves of a gazebo or at the base of an arbor to accent structures and plantings.

• If you live in a coastal area, select lighting fixtures made of copper, brass or bronze (with less than 20% nickel content) to withstand corrosion from salt water conditions.

Proper outdoor lighting can evoke new moods and cross-dramas with even the simplest of alterations. Consider the following techniques aimed at making trees, lines, rows and all kinds jump up in life.

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