

Security Light

Frequently Asked Questions

How much does it cost to install a security light from Polk-Burnett?

It depends on the location that you want the light to be installed. There is no charge to install a security light on an existing pole that has an available power source and is approved by Polk-Burnett. Transformer and primary poles cannot have security lights installed on them due to safety and power quality problems. If a pole needs to be installed and wire extended to it from an approved power source (usually the transformer), today's installation cost is \$250 plus \$1 per foot of extension. This distance can be no greater than 150 feet. If there is the need for the installation of a transformer, there is an additional fee.

What types of lights are available and what is the monthly cost?

Security lights installed by Polk-Burnett are high-pressure sodium lights. They are available in two sizes:

- 100-watt - \$11.50 per month.
- 250-watt - \$14.75 per month.

The monthly fee includes all electric usage, needed maintenance and replacement if necessary.

Where can a security light be installed?

Polk-Burnett security lights are normally installed on existing poles (with the exception of transformer or primary poles) where electric service is already available. If a transformer or pole does not exist near the desired light location, one may be installed for an additional charge. An estimation of cost will be provided to you prior to the installation of the light. Polk-Burnett security lights can only be installed on a Polk-Burnett pole and the distance from an approved power source cannot be greater than 150 feet.

Can I have a switch put on my security light?

Unfortunately not, the monthly maintenance fee includes electric usage, needed maintenance and replacement if necessary. Installing and maintaining a switch would raise the cost of the installation and also the monthly fee. Therefore, having a switch would not save you any money. If you would prefer a security light that can be controlled by a switch, you should contact an electrician for the installation of a privately owned security light.

Why are the new security lights yellow? Are the old white lights still available?

The older fixtures that cast a white light, known as mercury vapor lights, are very inefficient and have been identified by the EPA as harmful to the environment due to mercury content in the bulb. They are no longer sold in the U.S. and components to maintain them are also unavailable. New energy efficient, high-pressure sodium lights have replaced the mercury vapor lights. The new fixtures cast a yellow light.

How do I get a light installed?

If you are interested in having a security light installed, please fill out a security light application, print, sign and send it to Polk-Burnett. An engineering technician will be in contact with you to help you with your plans.

What if I decide to make a change to the security light after installation?

If, after initial installation, a request is made to either upgrade or downgrade the light size or change the direction of the light on the pole, a \$100 charge will apply. If, at any time, the security light pole is requested to be relocated, a fee of \$250 plus \$1 per foot for the line extension will apply.

What if I don't want or like the side glare of the light or this light bothers my neighbor?

Polk-Burnett has a fully shielded globe that eliminates side glare available if requested. This changes the direction of the light and casts the light in a downward direction, the same as a recessed "spot" light of a home. If you desire this shield and request it before initial installation, an additional fee of \$60 will apply. After installation, the fee to install or remove this shield is \$100 and must be requested by the party that pays the maintenance fees for the light.

Can I have my security light turned off?

Security lights are not controlled by switches. Therefore, if a member wants a security light turned off, Polk-Burnett removes the light from the pole. If the pole is only there for the purpose of the security light, Polk-Burnett will remove the pole as well. There is no cost to the member to remove the light or the pole provided that the one-year minimum service use requirement of the security light agreement has expired. If the member decides that he/she wants the security light reinstalled, a new one-year minimum use agreement would be required. If a pole needs to be reinstalled, a new installation fee would be assessed. If a suitable pole is available, only a trip charge would be assessed.

For more information about security lights, call 800-421-0283, ext. 308.