

## ACEC's Yard Light Program

The standard yard light leased from Adams–Columbia Electric Cooperative (ACEC) is an effective source of light for outdoor areas around the home, farm, or business. For over 40 years they've been a popular fixture across the rural countryside. Their metal reflector and plastic refractor lens casts light downward and outward in a circular pattern. They're great for general outdoor lighting.

ACEC's standard yard light operates on a dusk-to-dawn electric eye with a 100-watt sodium lamp. They're available to all members, on a rental basis, with a signed yard light lease agreement. They're installed only on existing ACEC-owned poles so call for current basic charge pricing. All maintenance and energy charges are included in this base rate. An additional per-month charge is added for installation of a pole set solely for a yard light.

Convenient as they are, property owners may prefer to alter the light output of their dusk-to-dawn yard light. Some may prefer a more direct downward light pattern while others may want to limit the light in one direction. ACEC has two products available to reduce or direct light output from a standard yard light. Both are reasonably priced and both attach easily to any yard light leased from ACEC.

The *Star Gazer* replaces a conventional reflector and refractor lens. Made entirely of aluminum, it directs the light into a relatively tight circular pattern on the ground directly below the yard light, protecting the night sky.

The second option is called the *Lite Blocker*. Also made of aluminum, it attaches to a standard yard light and essentially covers one-half of the refractor lens. It can be rotated in any position to shield about half the surrounding area from receiving direct light.

Both the *Star Gazer* and the *Lite Blocker* are available for installation on any yard light leased from ACEC. They may be an inexpensive solution for your specific lighting needs.

Adams–Columbia can only install these products on yard lights leased from the cooperative; we cannot install them on privately owned yard lights. Installation for either the *Star Gazer* or the *Lite Blocker* involves a one-time charge for materials and labor. Please call for pricing and scheduling information.

There's a great measure of peace of mind and convenience that comes with a yard light installed by ACEC. To schedule a new yard light installation or to add either a *Star Gazer* or a *Lite Blocker* retrofit to a new or existing yard light, call one of ACEC's helpful Customer Service Representatives at 1-800-831-8629. ■

