

Outdoor solar lights are sometimes bright and sometimes dim





Overview

Are solar lights a good idea?

Solar lights have quickly become one of the most practical ways to light up outdoor spaces. They're cost-effective, energy-efficient, and easy to install, no wiring, no mess. Whether you've added them to your garden path, backyard, or driveway, they're meant to work quietly in the background.

Why is my solar light not working?

The battery could be the culprit. Solar lights rely on rechargeable batteries, and over time, they lose the ability to hold a charge. Most need replacing after about 12 to 18 months. Swapping in a fresh, compatible battery often solves the issue immediately. You can also test the light by covering the panel with your hand during the day.

Why did my solar light stop working after a storm?

Most outdoor solar lights are built to handle weather, but over time, rain and humidity can wear them down—especially if the build quality isn't great. If your light stopped working after a storm, water may have found its way in. Take it apart carefully and let it dry out completely in a warm, dry place.

Why is my LED light coming on but not bright?

If your light is coming on but barely bright enough to notice, the issue usually lies in poor charging or battery performance. This happens a lot in winter or when the panel doesn't get enough direct sunlight. Look at where the light is placed.



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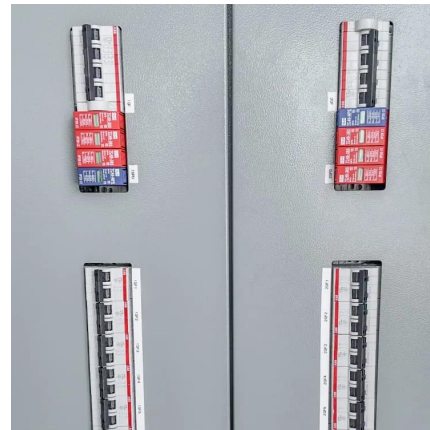
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