

# *Systematic Lighting Update Planning Sheet*

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## Tips:

- Overall lighting updates to your home should be around 1% of the home's value (250k=\$2,500 in lighting; 400k=\$4,000 in lighting)
- Allocate a specific dollar amount for each phase and then stick to it. If you over-spend you may run the risk of over improving the home. If you under-spend, feel free to add to another phase or earmark the money for outdoor lighting in a curb appeal system (coming soon). I recommend 60% for public spaces and 40% for private spaces.
- Update your home's lighting in phases
  - Phase 1: Update lighting for comfort first (fans in bedrooms; rooms with insufficient lighting)
  - Phase 2: Update lighting in public spaces (dining room; kitchen; living room; foyer; family room; powder room)
  - Phase 3: Update lighting in private spaces (master bath; bedrooms if not in phase 1; hallways)
  - Phase 4: Utilitarian lighting is optional and not included in overall budget (laundry room; pantry; closets; attic)

## Lighting Recommendations

- A chandelier should be 30-34" above the table if you have 8' ceilings; 36-40" for 10' ceilings and 42-46" for 12' ceilings.
- A chandelier over a table should have a diameter 1' less than the width of the table.
- To determine the diameter of a light fixture for a room take the length of the room and add it to the width. This will give you the diameter in inches of an appropriate sized light fixture.  
Ex. 12' x 15' room=27" diameter chandelier
- To determine an appropriate height of a light fixture take the height of the ceiling and multiply it by 2.5 to find the low end of the range. Then multiply it by 3 to find the high end of the range. Ex. For a 10' ceiling the range would be 25-30". For an 8' ceiling the range would be 20-24".
- Try to keep a cohesive look throughout your home. This doesn't mean that every room needs to be from the same collection. Pick traditional, modern, etc...and try to stick to it. Try to keep a common element in open spaces.





<b>Phase 3: Private Spaces</b>				<b>Beginning Balance:</b>
<b>Room</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Dimensions</b>	<b>Actual Spent</b>	<b>Remaining Balance</b>
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<b>Phase 1: Utilitarian Lighting</b>				<b>Beginning Balance:</b>
<b>Room</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Dimensions</b>	<b>Actual Spent</b>	<b>Remaining Balance</b>
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