

LET THERE BE *light*

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THE PLACE: Lighting. It sets the mood and brings an interior to life. **Living Lighting** first started in 1968 as a neighbourhood lighting store. Today, stores throughout Ontario and Nova Scotia showcase a myriad of lighting options, from hot new trends to old favourites. Locally owned and operated, Sam and Yeongmi Hong opened the doors to Living Lighting Oakville in 2014, and they've been lighting up the city ever since.



THE STYLE: Whether clients are looking to add architectural interest with a clean, modern piece or a warm ambience with something casual and relaxed, Living Lighting carries modern, traditional and transitional fixtures in hundreds of styles to suit any need or budget. Need help to define your style? Whether you're looking to light an entire home or brighten up an outdoor space, the team can help select the perfect piece, either in-store or by consultation in the comfort of your home. They also offer contractors and designers special rates.



WHAT'S TRENDING: The best lighting design is one that a client loves and works best in their space. Modern options favour simple lines for a minimalist look. Mid-century and Art Deco pieces are making a comeback, with clean lines, unique designs and a balance of form and art. Mixed metals, like soft silver and gold, bring warmth for a mellow aesthetic that blends effortlessly with any kind of décor, from rustic to urban. The sparkle of a crystal chandelier is timeless and elegant.

LED NEWS: More and more homeowners are making the change to LED lighting for its power and money-saving benefits. Though they offer great savings in the long run, the downside to LEDs is the cost, but prices are becoming more competitive as technology advances and more homeowners hop on board.



WHAT'S IMPORTANT: The right choice in lighting changes from room to room. What works in a living room or dining room will not necessarily work in a kitchen or bedroom. The right lighting choice will reflect the function and feel of each individual space.

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