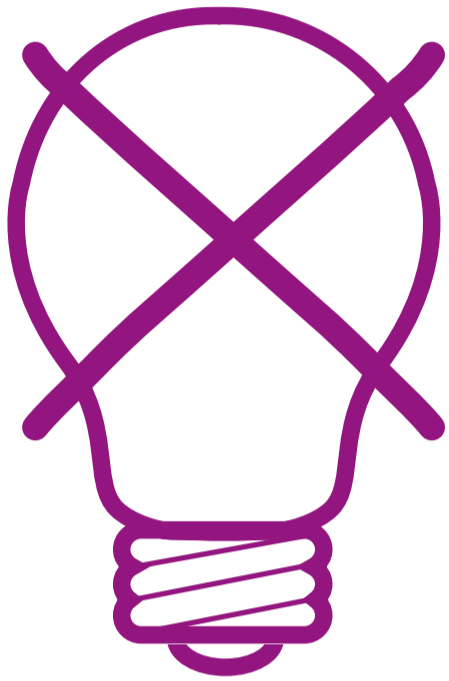


Street lights switch off



30,000 street lights will be switched off to save energy and money

Due to a reduction in government funding, Northamptonshire County Council has a reduced budget for street lighting. To meet the savings for the budget around half of the county council's street lights will be switched off. Turning off some street lights will bring savings by reducing energy bills and maintenance costs resulting in total savings of £2 million.

Around 30,000 street lights will be switched off with work starting on 1st May and completed within an eight-week rolling programme across the county.

Switching off half of the street lights does not mean that we will be just switching off every other light.

We have identified areas where it is most appropriate that all lights are maintained, and where it is least important that lights are kept on. For example, street lights will be kept on in areas where there are higher than average numbers of accidents during darkness and at complex junctions. Streetlights will be turned off in areas that are that predominantly non residential but will also in many ordinary streets or roads and de-trunked roads.

Street Lights that have been tuned off will be identified by a purple sticker on the post.

To ensure that the remaining street lights are efficient Northamptonshire County Council is committed to carrying out faster repairs on lights, reducing the repair target from 28 days to ten days.

Not all street lights are owned by Northamptonshire County Council.

In Northamptonshire, street lighting is provided on trunk roads and motorways by the Highways Agency, in some communities by the town or parish council, or on some new developments by the developer. It is only where the lighting belongs to Northamptonshire County Council that we will be switching any street lights off.

To find out more, please visit

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetlights