



*Protecting our land, air and water
to preserve our way of life in harmony with all species.*

Our Earth, Our Home ... Let's Protect It by Changing Simple Habits “Add Green to the Scene!” in June

The staff of the Community Development Department, Environmental Protection & Natural Resources Division, (CDD/EPNR), we are encouraging you to make every day – Earth Day.

Because protecting the environment is everyone's responsibility, we've launched a Clean & Green Campaign to celebrate Earth Year. Every month, in this column, we are showing you how you can change one habit that can make a real and positive difference for our land, our air and our water. At the end of the 12 months, you will have adopted 12 new habits to help protect your home.

During the month of June, we ask you to “Add Green to the Scene” by following these simple steps:

Make it a habit to add green to the scene!

- Add one potted plant per 100 square feet of home or office space to remove pollutants from the air. (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)
- Select a plant from NASA's “Who's Who” list of interior plants such as English ivy, Spider plant, Golden Pothos, Mother-in-law's tongue and Philodendron.

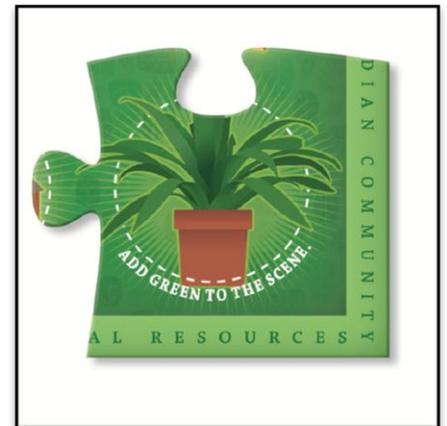
Why is it important to Add Green to the Scene?

FACT: Indoor air pollution is ranked as one of the top five threats to public health. (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)

FACT: The most sophisticated pollution-absorbing and air purifying device is the common houseplant. (NASA)

FACT: Living, green and flowering plants remove toxic chemicals from our air. (Foliage for Clean Air Council)

FACT: Frequently used indoor plants reduce certain toxic chemicals in the air by 87% within 24 hours. (NASA)



To know more about the Clean & Green Campaign or to be part of the Healthy Habits Team, contact the EPNR Hotline at 480-362-7500 or by email EPNR@SRPMIC-nsn.gov