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## **“Growing” Clean Air Workshop at The Domes**

Milwaukee, WI (Oct. 16, 2015) – “Grow” Your Own Clean Air at Home and Work, a workshop on using plants to reduce indoor air pollution, will be offered Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at The Domes. The Domes, Milwaukee’s Living Landmark, is located at 524 S. Layton Blvd.

“From benzene and formaldehyde in off-gassing carpeting or particle board, to air fresheners or even doing crafts indoors, the quality of the air in your home may be less than ideal,” said Paula Zamiatowski, Educator at The Domes. “With the colder temperatures approaching, we’ll be spending even more time indoors, so we’ll need the tools to deal with this problem.”

According to the National Human Activity Pattern Survey, a study of exposure to environmental pollutants, Americans spend about 87 percent of their time indoors. Further, the CDC notes that air within homes and other buildings can be more seriously polluted than outdoor air in even the most industrialized cities.

Zamiatowski said, “As an educator in the Tropical Dome, I’m happy to report that NASA scientists have found that many common house plants, which are native to the tropical rainforest, absorb the potentially harmful gases found in our homes. We can calculate how many plants we’ll need and which will work the best in our situation.”

The workshop will end with a tour of the Tropical Dome, and each participant will receive a starter plant for home or office.

The workshop fee, which includes admission to The Domes, is \$15 per person or \$8 for Friends of the Domes members.

Preregistration is required. To register, participants may call (414) 257-5603 or visit [milwaukeedomes.org](http://milwaukeedomes.org).

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