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Improve Your Bottom Line with Greenery

Ivy improving indoor air quality? Philodendrons linked to productivity? Incredible, but true.

According to the interior plants industry organization Plants at Work, Los Angeles, there are four proven bottom-line benefits created by interior plants.

Based on several case studies, plants can improve tenant occupancy and retention by 17 percent. Findings also indicate that an adequate installation of interior plants in a traditional, sealed office facility could save U.S. companies \$129 billion via contributions to improved indoor air quality. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in Berkeley

found that American companies could save \$58 billion annually by preventing sick building syndrome and an additional \$200 billion in worker performance improvements.

Recent studies have shown that interior plants enhanced productivity by 12 percent. Moreover, the proper selection of plants can lower heating and cooling costs by as much as 20 percent.

For detailed information on the research done on workplace performance and indoor plants, check out www.plantsatwork.org.