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Tip of the Week

Plant and be counted!

Are you planting trees on your property located along the corridor spanning Longmont to Castle Rock? Then make sure they get counted in the Mile High Million *Our Trees Count* campaign.

When you contractor plants trees, ask if they are regularly reporting trees they plant to the *Our Trees Count* campaign. Contractors typically report the total number of trees that they have planted twice each year.

One million new trees will make these Front Range communities a better place to live, work and play. Besides their obvious aesthetic and shade value, trees do many good things for our environment.



- One million trees will remove more than **20,000 tons of air pollution**.
- They will also save Denver-area residents more than **\$108 million on their energy bills** during the next 40 years.
- Trees in the landscape **reduce the "heat island"** effect along streets and in paved areas. Un-shaded pavement heats up during the day and radiates that absorbed heat at night. By providing shade, trees minimize this heat island effect.
- The impact of many trees is **reduction of summer temperatures** throughout a wide area. The city of Davis, CA, for example, has reduced summer temperatures by 10 degrees through its tree planting program.
- Properly placed trees can also help **reduce energy costs in buildings**--so when you plant trees, think strategically about the types of trees and where you will place them.

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