Dear Sir/Mdm,

To promote and support the skyrise greenery movement, NParks has produced a new handbook on developing sustainable high-rise gardens. This guide serves to inform building owners and industry practitioners on the best practices in skyrise greenery, as well as the various government initiatives to support skyrise greening programmes.

The handbook titled “Bringing Greenery Skywards” is free and can be accessed through the following link: www.nparks.gov.sg/skyrisegreenery/news-and-resources/guidelines. We hope that you could help us disseminate this information to your members and that they will find this handbook useful in making their skyrise gardens sustainable and, more importantly, safe through practical and simple guidelines.

For ease of reference, we have extracted some of the good safety practices:

- No tree should be planted within five metres from the edge of a building’s periphery
- Small-sized trees should be used where possible and maintained regularly
- Trees should be kept at a height of not more than the horizontal distance between its location and the building edge
- Mitigation measures, such as root ball anchorage, should be implemented for trees, especially those planted nearer to the building edge

Should your members have existing skyrise gardens or are planning to implement new ones, and wish to find out more about safety design, we would be happy to advise them. For any enquiries, please contact us through our hotline at 6471 7842 or email us at NParks_PTRS_Registry@nparks.gov.sg. Thanks.

Regards,

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