

Mountain Living



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Safe Cleaning Products, Wildlife Art from Recycled Wood, Western Wetlands Walks, and more

Luxury Goes Green



Cleaning Green

Lemons and vinegar are great cleaning products. A one-to-one vinegar/water mix in a spray bottle will clean most areas of your home. Cut a lemon in half. Sprinkle baking soda on the cut part. Use to scrub dishes and shine copper.

Caldrea lavender pine powdered scrub works great for pots, pans, tile, stainless steel, porcelain and more. caldrea.com

Elsie's Original germ fighter spray works great for high-chairs, toys, diaper tables, countertops and more. elsiesoriginal.com

Twist loofah 100% biodegradable sponges works great for kitchen & bath cleanup. The package becomes a birdfeeder. twistclean.com

Orange blossom linen water works great for spraying on linens to refresh or as ironing water. thesomersettoiletorycompany.com

Mrs. Meyer's Clean Day household cleansers works great for everything from laundry & cleaning to pet washing. mrsmeyers.com

Read Green

Sustainable Residential Interiors Associates III, a pioneer in green interior design, have compiled their knowledge to create a complete reference tool for anyone building, remodeling or decorating a healthy home. John Wiley & Sons, \$70.

Victory Garden Companion Michael Weishan, host of the long-running PBS series "The Victory Garden," shares ideas and gives sage advice for beautiful and eco-friendly gardens. Collins, \$29.95.

Stone Primer The right stonework brings beauty and grace to your home and landscape. Stonemason Charles McRaven tells you what stone to use and how to use it. Storey Publishing, \$24.95.

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Deco Antelope

Carving monumental sculptures out of standing-dead trees, Cody, Wyoming-born artist, Kevin Showell, developed a knowledge about properties of many different species of wood. Most of his pieces are commissioned, and he also makes small sculptures out of recycled wood that would normally go to waste. This 15-inch pronghorn is carved out of linden, a soft but tight-grained wood, with horns made out of steel with a finish that Kevin calls "gun-barrel bluing." \$1,100. (612) 229-0787 or qarmabuilding.com.



Autumn Scents

Hillhouse Naturals Farms creates luxurious scents for your home—potpourri, candles, sachets and room scents. To evoke the smell of delicious mountain air, Hillhouse buys aromatic weeds and wildflowers from nearby farms. "Autumn" captures the season with a warm scent that will make your home smell like you have an apple pie in the oven. \$40. hillhousenaturals.com.



Walking on Wetlands

Utah-based Trestlewood (trestlewood.com) takes down derelict 19th-century railroad bridges and re-mills the lumber into beautiful floors. They partnered with The Nature Conservancy to build boardwalks and viewing platforms for The Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve. nature.org/utah.