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# Dr. Allan Hablutzel DDS

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**“We are excited to have the most up to date sterilization equipment and recycling procedures in place. EnviroStars program helped us accomplish this”**

-Dr. Allan Hablutzel

Congratulations to Dr. Hablutzel for recently being upgraded to a **4-star** EnviroStar business. The EnviroStars program recognizes businesses for reducing and properly managing their hazardous waste.

Johanna D’Attilio, a dental assistant with Dr. Hablutzel has been instrumental in putting together a comprehensive waste management, reduction and education plan for the office. Some of the ways the office has reduced waste generation and exposure to chemicals include the use of an autoclave (steam sterilization) instead of glutaraldehyde to disinfect instruments. They also use less toxic cleaning products to clean their x-ray processing equipment.

Samples from vendors containing chemicals are not accepted unless unused portions can be returned. Chemicals purchased for use are kept to a minimum to possible to avoid accumulating many different wastes.



*Staff at Dr. Hablutzel’s office with EnviroStars Certificate*

Commitment to following best management practices in the office goes beyond proper waste management and reduction. The office has written procedures for handling their scrap amalgam, spent x-ray fixer, lead foils and other hazardous chemicals that are generated. Waste reduction and proper waste management is brought up at staff meetings where staff members are encouraged to think of ways to reduce wastes.

Dr. Hablutzel also educates his patients about environmental issues through a newsletter and a link to EnviroStars through the office website- see above.