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## Ihland Garden Dental Care

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***"Doctors Hewett,  
Thompson and Rioux  
are pollution prevention  
leaders in dentistry."***

-- Ryan Kellogg, EnviroStars  
Program Coordinator

Dr. Sally Hewett, Dr. Kelly Thompson and Dr. Kim Rioux of Ihland Garden Dental Care on Bainbridge Island have earned EnviroStars certification for their dental office. By implementing strong hazardous waste policies and procedures, the office earned five stars (on a five-star scale). Not only is the staff on the cutting edge of pollution prevention but also Ihland Garden Dental Care is the first EnviroStar dental office in Kitsap County.

The entire dental team led the effort and with tremendous results," said Elizabeth McCloskey of the Kitsap County Health District's Business Pollution Prevention Program. "They were very thorough in looking at every aspect of the dental office: every product used, every waste generated, every opportunity for recycling and pollution prevention."

The office has installed an autoclave (a heat and steam sterilization equipment) that does not require hazardous chemicals for sterilization. Current suppliers and waste haulers are asked to switch to safer products when available. One of the more recent changes includes switching to digital radiography for all x-rays, eliminating all wastes from developers and fixers. They have also eliminated the use of gluteraldehyde for sterilization of certain instruments and switching to less hazardous products. Ihland Garden Dental Care also arranged for their waste haulers to recycle additional dental wastes from



*The pollution prevention team at the  
offices of Sally Hewett D.D.S.,  
Kelly Thompson D.M.D. & Kim Rioux  
D.D.S.*

the office, including lead foils that protect x-ray film and fluorescent lamps. Recycling and waste minimization efforts go beyond hazardous waste. During a recent remodel of their building all construction waste materials were sent for recycling.

"Drs. Hewett, Thompson and Rioux wanted to do everything they could to protect the environment. Their patients are very interested in supporting businesses that prevent pollution and were pleased by the office's responsible waste management and recycling. Patients will appreciate the extra steps being taken to safeguard public health and the environment," McCloskey noted.

Ihland Garden Dental Care is located at 1037 Madison Ave N. on Bainbridge Island. You can schedule your family and cosmetic dentistry at their office by calling 206-842-9890.