
Winslow Dental Group

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“All of our team members want to be responsible in how dental and office materials are used. With this in mind, we have chosen to closely monitor and invest in the best practices to handle spent items. The EnviroStars program helps to recognize us for our accomplishments and will stimulate us to continue to improve.”

Dr. Lance Wicklund

Congratulations to Drs. Steven Maloof and Lance Wicklund of the Winslow Dental group for earning a **4 star** rating as an EnviroStars business. The EnviroStars program recognizes businesses that properly manage and reduce hazardous waste. By handling their hazardous and solid waste in an environmentally responsible manner, the office is setting a fine example for the community.

Dental offices in general can generate a variety of hazardous waste. This includes; amalgam used for fillings, x-ray film fixative, lead foils and cleaning solutions.

Winslow Dental took a proactive approach for hazardous waste management by purchasing an amalgam separator, which prevents small particles of amalgam from entering the wastewater. The office also collects amalgam waste from extracted teeth, chairside traps and has these disposed through a licensed waste vendor. Lead aprons and lead foils are recycled. Steam sterilization is used rather than chemicals which further reduces waste.



From left to right:

Back row: Tina Marie, Debbie, Monica, Dr. Wicklund, Dr. Maloof.

Front row: Dawn, Linda, Sue & Peggy.

Other ways the office is helping the environment is by storing and containing wastes by using best management practices. They have written procedures for disposing of various waste, they use secondary containers, and have spill absorbent materials. The staff also discusses waste management and reduction issues at staff meetings.

All of these steps are significant in reducing the amount of hazardous waste entering the environment.