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## **1997 Evergreen Award For Pollution Prevention EarthGuard, Incorporated Redmond, Washington**

*The Environmental Protection Agency's 1997 Evergreen Award for Pollution Prevention honors the environmental efforts of the EarthGuard, Incorporated of Redmond, Washington. EarthGuard's commitment to safeguarding the land and water resources of Western Washington makes the company a deserving recipient of this recognition.*

*EarthGuard is a landscape design and maintenance company that employs conservation and Integrated Pest Management principles for residential, business and public landscapes.*

### **Pollution Prevention Success**

EarthGuard's philosophy provides alternatives to chemical yard care, and ensures their clients of an environmentally sensitive yardlife system emphasizing low water/low maintenance landscaping.

- o Using native plants and trees allows EarthGuard to provide the utmost aesthetic value and vigorous growth while naturally reducing the need for chemical pest controls. New plants are selected to be compatible with the site's environmental characteristics including moisture needs, available sunlight, soil type and other factors.
- o Overall reduced use of toxic chemicals (and substitution of less or non-toxic materials when non-chemical measures are not feasible) results in minimal human and animal exposures to hazardous chemicals.
- o Low-volume water application is the goal for all landscapes in EarthGuard's care. Professional installation and maintenance of low-volume watering systems virtually eliminates water runoff to nearby streams and water bodies.
- o For landscape renovations, EarthGuard carefully examines previous use/care of the site, then recommends changes to enhance both natural beauty and maximum disease/pest resistance; EarthGuard's technicians follow up with clients up to six times per year to monitor progress and acceptance.

### **Commitment to Environmental Quality**

By promoting a "low water use, low toxic use" approach to landscape design and management, EarthGuard has truly demonstrated their commitment to environmental excellence. Although the company uses pesticides only when absolutely necessary, all of EarthGuard's employees are all licensed pesticide applicators, adhering to the best safety

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practices in order to evaluate, advise and implement pollution prevention practices in all situations.

EarthGuard's commitment is shared with the community, as well. For every account payment, EarthGuard donates a portion of its proceeds to several local organizations dedicated to preserving water quality in the Puget Sound region.

## **Environmental Leadership**

EarthGuard is a local leader in the promotion of integrated pest management and pollution prevention. EarthGuard's owner, Mr. Sam Macri, regularly presents appropriate methods of reduced toxic/water usage in landscape management to the greater horticultural community through outreach forums sponsored by University of Washington, the Center for Urban Horticulture, the Seattle Garden Show, and Lake Washington Technical College. EarthGuard encourages others to use pollution prevention practices by way of the company's ongoing liaison relationships with the Interstate Pesticide Applicator's Association and the North Bend Parks Commission.

EarthGuard received the 1995 Washington Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention.

**For more information about EarthGuard's environmental strategies,  
contact Mr. Sam Macri at (425) 885-3002.**

### **The Evergreen Award for Pollution Prevention**

EPA's Evergreen Award recognizes outstanding pollution prevention efforts within all sectors of the greater Pacific Northwest business community.

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Evergreen Award for Pollution Prevention, contact:

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