



# ENVIROSTARS

## Success Story

### NW Bloom EcoLogical Landscapes

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**“We are committed to protecting the environment by creating landscapes that do not require the use of chemicals, such as pesticides and synthetic fertilizers.”**

— Jessica Bloom, Owner



#### ENVIROSTARS BUSINESSES CARE. THEY ARE . . .

- Working to protect air quality.
- Working to protect the quality of the water in and around Puget Sound.
- Working to keep toxic materials out of the soil where our children play and our food grows.
- Disposing of waste safely through licensed waste disposal services.
- Working in the community and helping educate their neighbors about healthier ways of doing business.
- For information about this and other Snohomish County Solid Waste programs, call 425-388-3425 or visit [www.envirostars.org/snohomish](http://www.envirostars.org/snohomish).

Congratulations to Jessi Bloom and those she works with at NW Bloom. They have earned EnviroStars' highest certification, 5 stars, for their commitment to environmentally-friendly business practices.

EnviroStars is a regional pollution prevention program sponsored by Snohomish, King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Whatcom Counties and partner organizations. Through the program, businesses are awarded two to five stars for reducing hazardous waste and preventing pollution.

Everyone at *NW Bloom* uses “the right plant in the right place” approach. They work with clients to design, build, and maintain landscapes that require little or no water and fertilizer once established. While designing landscapes, staff members consider what will work with surrounding environments to create landscapes that have year-round appeal.

Owner Jessica Bloom brings to her business a background in Environmental Horticulture and wetland science, which is reflected in landscapes that are not only beautiful, but are also salmon-friendly and pest-resistant.



Left to right: Greg Kenney, Jessica Bloom (NW Bloom owner), and Jamie MacIsaac.

*NW Bloom* staff are all educated in integrated pest management and pesticide-free landscaping practices.

They also build patios and paths with pervious pavers and stones to infiltrate surface water. Topsoil is amended with compost to allow for maximum infiltration and to prevent runoff.

Clients learn how to maintain their yards for water efficiency and how to keep their landscapes pesticide-free (safer for children, adults, pets and wildlife). *NW Bloom* also provides ongoing consultation for do-it-yourselfers.

All yard waste and plastic pots are recycled; compost tea and worms are used for stressed soils; and mulches are made with recycled materials.

We thank Jessica and her staff for their good work. (They're even converting their trucks to bio-diesel!) Their commitment to the environment benefits all of us.