

Dear Sweet Pea Family,

I am pleased to tell you that Sweet Pea Preschool has been certified by the Oregon Environmental Council as an Eco-Healthy Childcare. Our daily cleaning routine and earth friendly practices at Sweet Pea have allowed us this certification. Below are listed the 10 steps that we take to be an Eco-Healthy Childcare.

- ❖ Prevent pests naturally with non-toxic methods and no pesticides or herbicides
- ❖ Keep indoor air clean by being smoke-free, preventing mold and mildew and avoiding air fresheners
- ❖ Choose safe cleaning products that are non-toxic, and avoid aerosol sprays
- ❖ Keep the lead out by preventing lead exposure from drinking water and paint
- ❖ Avoid mercury by using only digital thermometers
- ❖ Choose safer materials when selecting furnishings and building materials.
- ❖ Provide non-toxic art supplies with the ACMI approved product seal
- ❖ Use and choose plastics with care by choosing PVC-free toys and keeping plastic out of the microwave
- ❖ Create a toxin-free playground by avoiding treated wood.
- ❖ Remember the 3 R's! Encourage kids to always reduce, reuse and recycle.

Because we are a Eco-Healthy Childcare we :

- ❖ Children will need to remove their shoes when they enter the center. They can put their shoes on the shelf directly in front of the door. Your child may bring slippers to wear at the center instead of socks. These slippers should be left at Sweet Pea. This will help us to keep toxins and emissions from cars out of our classrooms.
- ❖ Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the property of Sweet Pea Preschool inside or outside.
- ❖ Please do not idle your car when picking up or dropping off your child. An idling car produces 4-8 times the emission as a car driving on the freeway.