

SUCCESS STORY!

CLASSIC NURSERY & LANDSCAPE COMPANY

Each year hundreds of students walk the Bear Creek Trail on the perimeter of Classic Nursery and Landscape Company to see for themselves the life cycle of salmon. "We believe strongly in educating our community about the importance of preserving the native environment and wildlife," says Alan Burke, landscape architect and owner. Classic Nursery and Landscape Company is a five-star EnviroStar.

Founded in 1984, Classic Nursery consists of a retail garden center on seven acres in rural Redmond and a landscape design office in the City of Redmond. The company offers landscape design, installation and maintenance services throughout the Puget Sound region.

Garden and Education Center

The garden center is more than a nursery. In addition to buying plants, customers can recycle used pots, take classes in sustainable gardening, pick up educational materials, and learn about safer ways to manage pests. The garden center sells no toxic products. Rather, a variety of natural controls, including horticultural oils, pepper sprays and beneficial insects, are available.

Tours of native areas surrounding the garden center, including the Bear Creek salmon habitat, earned Classic Nursery a Green Globe Award for Environmental Education and Wildlife Habitat Protection from King County.

Smart designs prevent problems

Winner of the "Best of Show" award



Alan and Julie Burke, owners, Classic Nursery & Landscape Company

"The vast majority of our clients need no insect or disease treatment. They rely on natural process horticulture..."

Alan Burke

at the 2004 Northwest Flower & Garden Show, Classic landscape designers go to new sites equipped with tools to test soil pH and nutrient levels. They design landscapes to avoid potential problems: lawns are minimized and native plantings promoted. New clients are given complimentary information about integrated pest management.

Maintaining healthy landscapes

Classic's maintenance group monitors client landscapes seasonally to ensure that garden beds and turf areas remain healthy. No fungicides or other chemical treatments are used. Rather, regular monitoring of irrigation systems, applications of organic soil amendments, and monitoring for pests makes the application of chemical products unnecessary.

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