



**Eco-Healthy  
Child Care®**

**Busy Bee ELC** is proud to provide an eco-healthy operation and strives to ensure that our environment is as healthy, safe, and green as possible.

**Facility** – All of the paints used in our facility are odor-free with zero-VOC. We adhere to the policy of low energy consumption by using high-efficiency appliances and appropriate lights: bio-germ lighting, fluorescence, and CFLs.

**Classrooms** – To achieve excellent indoor air quality and reduce the children’s exposure to toxins, BBELC uses non-toxic, sustainable and non-allergenic materials throughout the facility. Our furniture is made of wood that comes from responsibly managed forests and passes the most stringent tests for indoor emissions. All of our classrooms have abundant natural light and all of the writing and craft paper we use is recycled.

**Toys** – We carefully choose toys, art supplies, and learning materials that are free from harmful chemicals and lead. We make every effort to select toys that are made from sustainable materials and come from manufacturers that demonstrate environmental responsibility.

**Food and Kitchen** – Our food is made on the premises. We provide homemade meals and fresh fruits and vegetables. We limit the amount of salt and artificial flavorings, use whole wheat products, and have replaced beef with turkey. We also provide organic foods and buy local and fresh when possible. Even the babies eat our healthy homemade meals.

**Toileting and Diapering** – Low-flush toilets are installed in our bathrooms and recycled, unbleached paper towels are provided for drying hands.

**Cleaning** – We use earth-friendly cleaning supplies and the least toxic sanitizing products when sanitizing is required by state and local authorities.

**Pest Control** – We hired an environmentally-safe pest control company. They offer all-natural, green alternatives to dangerous chemicals (cedar oil, natural enzymes, etc.)

**Educating Our Staff** – BBELC management always shares its “green” ideas and best practices with our entire team. We provide information and tips for going green on the road, at home and of course, at work, by addressing such issues as energy and water use, recycling in the school and at home, reducing the use of disposable cups, plates and take-out containers, and eliminating plastic water bottles.

**Recycling** – We reuse and recycle as much as possible.