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Three Green Businesses Earn Recertification in November



The [Sustainable Sandhills Green Business Program](#) is in full swing, and our green business intern Celestine Raineri and Sustainability Coordinator Kea Meacham have been very busy recertifying businesses throughout the Sandhills. Below is a summary of the **THREE** businesses that were recertified in November, as well as some of the measures they take to be more sustainable.



[The City of Fayetteville Environmental Services](#)

was the first City department to be certified as a Sustainable Sandhills Green Business, and now they have achieved recertification.

Environmental Services is in charge of the solid waste and recycling services for the City. They also run a call center where lights are turned off in rooms that are not in use, computer monitors are set to go to sleep after a designated amount of time, the copy machine is Energy Star rated, vending machines are delamped, and lights will soon be changed out to more energy efficient fluorescents. The department also participates in a



materials trading program with other City offices - the wall partitions used by the Department were actually donated by City Hall. These measures not only help the environment, but save taxpayer money on City energy bills!



The [Holiday Inn Bordeaux](#), located on Owen Drive in Fayetteville, is the largest full service hotel in the Sandhills region. The management and workers at this establishment go above and beyond to create an eco-friendly and environmentally conscious atmosphere.

The Holiday Inn Bordeaux is currently being renovated, with an eye toward minimizing construction waste. Old tiles are being tiled over instead of removed, wallpaper is being painted, furniture is being repainted or refinished, and the concrete in the driveway is being stamped instead of completely replaced.



The Holiday Inn Bordeaux also offers green amenities, including live plants (not plastic!), eco-friendly cleaning practices, water and energy reduction, and even one cup coffee machines that brew organic coffee!



The [Lillington Chamber of Commerce](#) is a small two person office that is making a big impact when it comes to sustainability.

The Lillington Chamber of Commerce is very energy conscious. They utilize natural light from their many office windows, have a programmable thermostat, and turn the air and heat off when the Chamber will be vacant,

such as on evenings and weekends. Also, all of the appliances that are used in the chamber are Energy Star rated. The Chamber also keeps their waste to a minimum, since recycling has been instituted for the Chamber. The Lillington Chamber of Commerce is not only sustainable, but have reduced expenses due to their many environmentally conscious practices.

Since these businesses are certifying for the second time with the [Sustainable Sandhills Green Business Program](#), their certifications last for two whole years! We want to thank all of our Certified Green Businesses for being community leaders. Keep up the good work!

*Green businesses reduce waste, promote recycling, become energy and water efficient, purchase eco-friendly products, and educate their employees and customers about the multiple benefits of a sustainable community. For more information about how your business can become a **Sustainable Sandhills Certified Green Business** today, please contact our Green Business Coordinators: In Moore, Montgomery, Richmond, and Scotland Counties - **Kea Meacham** (910.639.3983); In Cumberland, Hoke, Harnett, and Lee Counties - **Celestine Raineri** (910.484.9098).*