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## Scotia Village Goes Green



*“We believe that a green community is a great community,”*

says Wellness Director Ellen Sims of Scotia Village in Laurinburg, North Carolina, on their recent Sustainable Sandhills Green Business Certification.

Scotia Village is an assisted living community with 235 residents. For its green initiative, the 170 employees of Scotia Village have committed to maintaining their facilities and carrying out their duties with an eye toward sustainability. The custodial staff now uses green household cleaners, and landscaping was recently completed with a focus on native species that require less water and less maintenance. Employees are encouraged to bring their own re-useable water bottles and the facility has installed water fountains to replace water bottles. The gift shop is re-using plastic grocery bags and the facility is recharging batteries now instead of discarding them. To encourage more sustainable transportation, employees with compact and energy efficient cars are given preferential parking spots and shower facilities are available to employees who bike or walk to work.



[Scotia Village](#) includes a library, entertainment and game rooms, full-service salon, gym, and pool. Covered

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porches, sunrooms, and living areas provide residents with the comfortable vantage point to appreciate all that Scotia Village offers.



As Wellness Director Ellen Simms states,

*“This certification is an affirmation to the commitment Scotia Village has to being an environmentally responsible member of our community.”*

*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).*