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## **Green Business Partnership is no taxing matter for Jackson Hewitt**

The local branch of the nation's second-largest federal income tax preparation service is Sarasota County's newest Green Business Partner. Jackson Hewitt Technology Services LLC has more than 6,500 tax service offices nationwide, including 135 employees at its 501 N. Cattlemen Road location. The company earned its certification by instituting a comprehensive recycling program and creating an atmosphere that encourages employees to search for ways to be environmentally responsible.

"Our employees are very committed, recycling glass, plastic and cardboard," said Danamichele Brennon, senior vice president and chief technology officer for Jackson Hewitt. "We also recycle printer cartridges, use shredding bins so that no paper gets thrown into the trash, and ask our employees to use duplex printing. We also continually encourage and make our employees aware of other ways that they can be 'green,' both in the office and in their homes."

According to Sarasota County Recycling Coordinator Tom Franklin, Jackson Hewitt used the Green Business Partnership as a framework for enhancing its sustainable performance, "Green issues are a daily topic at staff meetings and in the company newsletter," Franklin said.

The Green Business Partnership was initiated under a Florida Department of Environmental Protection grant and is open to all businesses in Sarasota County that implement required resource conservation measures and pass an on-site certification assessment. Each certified business receives a Green Business Partnership certificate and seal they can display to demonstrate their commitment to a healthy environment. They also receive an electronic logo that can be used on company stationery and promotional items.

Jackson Hewitt is now listed in a Green Business Partnership directory that is available online at the Green Business Web site, [www.scgov.net/greenbusiness](http://www.scgov.net/greenbusiness).

The Green Business Partnership is actively seeking other participants. For more information, or to request a Green Business Partnership packet, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask to speak with the county's Recycling Coordinator.

For more information on the businesses currently certified under the program, visit [www.scgov.net/greenbusiness](http://www.scgov.net/greenbusiness) and click on the link entitled, "Participating Businesses."

**Media note:** A JPEG image of the Green Business Partnership logo is attached.

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