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## **Home-based contractor paints itself into a Green Business partnership**

Sarasota County's Green Business Partnership is a brighter shade of green thanks to its newest certification of Ray Cordy Custom Painting, 971 S. Allendale Ave., Sarasota. The home-based company, which provides custom painting and remodeling services, has promoted green products since it was established in 1998.

"Increasing progress has been made in the development of environmentally friendly products," said company owner Ray Cordy. "In our continuing effort to expand public knowledge and awareness of our environment, we only use Green Seal-approved products for sustainable living. Protecting our customers' families, pets and our own co-workers from harmful toxins is our top priority."

Cordy encourages his staff and clientele to think of green as not just a color, but a way of life to protect and preserve resources.

According to Sarasota County Recycling Coordinator Tom Franklin, the company has taken every measure it can to reduce its environmental impact. "His company uses environmentally friendly paints, reusable rags and drop cloths and a solar water heater," said Franklin. "They are working to ensure environmental factors are considered in all phases of the business."

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 stationary and promotional items.

Ray Cordy Custom Painting 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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