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Captain Curt's and Hurricane Glass Shield join Green Business Partnership

A popular Siesta Key restaurant and a leading protective glass manufacturer are the two newest members of Sarasota County's Green Business Partnership (GBP). Here's how they're demonstrating their commitment to a healthy environment for employees and the community at large:

Captain Curt's Crab & Oyster Bar, 1200 Old Stickney Point Road, Sarasota — This Siesta Key seafood restaurant finished first in the Great Chowder Cook-off in Newport, R.I., which has been featured on the "The Food Network" and the "CBS Morning Show." The coastal landmark has instituted comprehensive recycling, energy and water conservation measures and is even considering installing a food waste bioreactor that will completely eliminate food waste from their garbage.

Hurricane Glass Shield, 4123 Clark Road, Sarasota — Hurricane Glass Shield is a leading local provider of hurricane safety protection and solar control products in Sarasota and the surrounding Florida West Coast area. They have installed products on more than 13,000 homes and are a member of the Manatee and Sarasota Chambers of Commerce, and the West Florida Better Business Bureau. The company has implemented several measures that are conserving resources and helping trim its business overhead. The company's free Florida Power & Light Co. energy audit pointed out several areas where it could reduce energy use, including installing electronic thermostats. Hurricane Glass Shield's aggressive new recycling program will enable it to reduce the company's garbage service cost as well.

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.

Captain Curt's and Hurricane Glass Shield are now part of a Green Business Partnership directory that is available online at the Green Business Web site, 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.

For more information on the businesses currently certified under the program, visit 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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