

GreenPower

from Santee Cooper



"The choice to commit to renewable energy in South Carolina was not necessarily a conscious or thoughtful decision. It's what we do, who we are, and how we think. It just makes sense for us."

—Eva Van Wingerden
Director of ECO Social Initiatives,
Be Green Packaging

It's Good to be Green!

Ridgeland based packaging company BE GREEN becomes a Green Power Legacy Partner

During his days of surfing on the California coast, Be Green cofounder Ron Blitzer not only navigated the wild waters of the west coast, he also had to position himself past the copious amounts of plastic littering that would eventually wash ashore. Alarmed at the increase in harmful pollution, Ron decided to create a company that would help—

not harm—the environment. Today, Ron—along with his business partner Robert Richman—operate one of the global leaders in sustainable packaging production—Ridgeland based Be Green Packaging.

Be Green Packaging designs, manufactures and distributes the only non-GMO Product Verified, tree-free and compostable packaging for the food and consumer packaging industries. The company is widely known for its iconic food service trays, which can be found in Whole Foods Markets across the world as well as customized food service trays for Delta and Alaska airlines, packaging for Google Chrome and other customized products for Proctor and Gamble.

Since its inception, Be Green has also racked up a host of certifications that prove its long-term commitment to the environment—including their latest designation as a Green Power Legacy Partner.

As a Green Power Legacy Partner, Be Green Packaging has committed to purchasing a greater portion of its energy from Palmetto Electric Cooperative as Green Power.

Green Power Legacy Partner

As most members are aware, Green Power is energy generated from clean, renewable sources such as solar, wind and methane gas emitted from landfills—available from Santee Cooper and distributed by electric cooperatives across South Carolina.

Along with its certification as a Green Power Legacy Partner, Be Green Packaging was also the first packaging company to be Cradle to Cradle Certified™ (“C2C”), which signifies adherence to strict requirements for substantiability and environmental friendliness of both products and facilities. As the only consumer packaging company possessing this highly coveted certification, Be Green Packaging has emerged as a thought leader in the \$142 billion sustainable packaging market.

“As our latest Green Power Legacy Partner, Be Green Packaging proves their dedication to renewable energy and in making a positive environmental impact for future generations,” said Tray Hunter, vice president of marketing and public relations for Palmetto Electric Cooperative.

For more information on Be Green Packaging, visit www.begreenpackaging.com.

To become a commercial Green Power Partner or Green Power Legacy Partner, call your local co-op or visit www.scgreenpower.com.

Benefits of being a Commercial Green Power Partner

- By making the monetary commitment, you ensure your customers know you have a vested interest in protecting the environment.
- Recognition in the quarterly Green Power newsletter
- Company logo and link on the South Carolina Green Power website, scgreenpower.com
- Recognition on your electric cooperative's website
- A certificate identifying your company as a Green Power Partner
- Use of the Green Power logo to promote your business as a Green Power Partner



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The power of renewable energy continues to shine throughout South Carolina with the recent addition of the 28th Green Power Solar School in Bamberg, SC at Richard Carroll Elementary School.

As a Green Power Solar School, the elementary school is now equipped with a solar cell array that is already producing electricity from the sun's rays. Like all the Solar Schools throughout the state, the project provides students with an interactive and up close look at the opportunities and challenges of environmentally friendly, renewable energy sources.



"Programs like Green Power Solar Schools challenge these sixth graders, tomorrow's leaders, to think about renewable energy sources and how they might benefit them and future generations," said Lonnie Carter, president and CEO of Santee Cooper. "The investment made in Richard Carroll Elementary School will impact both the education and future of energy for our state."

Solar Schools are made possible through the collaboration of Santee Cooper, electric cooperatives throughout the state, participating school districts and municipalities.

For more information on Green Power or recommend businesses to become Green Power Partners, contact a Customer Service representative at your local Electric Cooperative.

Springing Up Green: Special events throughout South Carolina energized by Green Power

From electric cooperative annual meetings to the green grass of golf tournaments, Green Power has energized special events throughout South Carolina this spring.

Green Power is generated from clean, renewable energy sources including landfill biogas, solar power and wind power within South Carolina. Now producing 28 megawatts of Green Power, the program has six landfill biogas stations, solar arrays generating power for the grid and a wind power project.

Purchasing Green Power for a one-time event is easy and affordable. By powering special events, big or small, with 100 percent Green Power, cooperatives, festivals and other special event organizers are proving their commitment to the environment and being role models for the community at-large—turning any event Green!

Green Power Events for the first part of 2016 included:

St. Stephen Catfish Festival,
April 1–3
St. Stephen, SC

RBC Heritage Presented By Boeing Golf Tournament,
April 11–17,
Hilton Head Island, SC

Mayfest on Main,
May 7th
North Myrtle Beach, SC

**Palmetto Electric Cooperative's
Annual Meeting,**
May 7th

**Horry Electric Cooperative's
Annual Meeting,**
May 10th

The Blue Crab Festival,
May 14–15,
Little River, SC

To find out how to make your event Green visit www.scgreenpower.com

