



Legislative Platform

SC Green is the voice of the landscape industry in South Carolina. Our members are from all areas of the state and count on SC Green to represent their interests in Columbia. As such, we advocate for policies that promote healthy business climate for green industry companies and other businesses. We are proud of our work with lawmakers and regulators to promote professionalism, safety, and environmental sustainability in our industry.

- **Environment / Regulations**

SC Green members are professional and remain committed to being good stewards of our state's environment and natural treasures.

We support training requirements for individuals who apply products, such as pesticides, that could result in harm to people and ecosystems if not used properly. We oppose local ordinances that would result in ad hoc prohibitions on well-researched and vital herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers, and other substances that our industry depends on for healthy landscapes. We feel these important policies are best made at the state level through a science-driven process led by experts.

- **Civil Justice Reform**

SC Green supports efforts to enact legislation that would bring more balance to South Carolina's civil justice system. The current system is harming growth and prosperity in South Carolina and threatens small businesses that make up a large portion of our association.

The nature of our members' operations has subjected many of them to unfair lawsuits, insurance rate increases, and other harmful effects of the current system. We support legislation that would update the state's "joint and several liability" framework to ensure that businesses and individuals are no longer vulnerable to massive financial burdens in situations where they may have only had a small connection.

- **Taxes and Economic Policies**

SC Green supports tax policies that support agribusiness and promote the use of South Carolina grown products, such as trees, plants, sod, etc.

- **Education Funding**

SC Green supports funding for higher education institutions, including technical colleges and four-year land-grant institutions, that train the next generation of landscape professionals in horticulture and related topics.