

## SoCo is oh so GREEN!

South Coast Collection “SoCo”, formerly known as South Coast Home Furnishings Center, continues to remodel their one-of-a-kind shopping center making strides to create a green and environmentally sustainable center. Recently, SoCo, along with Paul Mitchell the School, was awarded the Green Award by the Costa Mesa Planning Commission.

South Coast Collection was nominated for its reinvestment in the 2007 built center, in which sustainable design was incorporated into the overall plan of the center, including sustainable drought tolerant landscaping, water reclamation systems, energy efficient lighting, as well as hosting a weekly new Certified Farmers’ Market in Costa Mesa.

The newly opened ocartMIX, located at the center, is an adaptive reuse of a large space that accommodates many stores, as well as the significant use of reclaimed wood and other reclaimed materials into the design.



Paul Mitchell the School, which opened at SoCo Fall of 2010, developed a state of the art water reclamation system that diverts and treats 2000 gallons of water daily from their shampooing stations to be used in their toilets, as well as for 50% of the irrigation water used for SoCo’s

sustainable landscaping. This state of the art model is now being used in the design of future Paul Mitchell schools.

The SoCo Farmer's market, began November 6th, 2010, and occurs every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m., is a Certified Farmers Market offering healthy, organic and locally grown produce.