As an organization, Applied Industrial Technologies is dedicated to offering quality MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Operations) products and serving our customers while protecting the environment we collectively share. While we do offer a huge and growing selection of products that our manufacturing partners have identified as eco-friendly, this is only one part of our commitment to environmental sustainability. To us, being a green distributor means actively advising our customers on how to save energy in their operations and reduce their overall environmental impact. It means conducting energy audits in critical areas like motors, belting and gearing. It means promoting product alternatives that are biobased, non-toxic and/or made from recycled content. And, it means being a responsible corporate citizen, implementing greener practices in our own operations.
Eco-Friendly Products

At Applied Industrial Technologies, we believe in helping customers “go green” for the environmental benefits, but also because it can help lower operating costs, comply with government mandates and gain a competitive advantage in today’s business environment.

Many of our manufacturing partners have identified products that they consider eco-friendly. The eco-friendly attributes, as described by the manufacturer, are detailed in our Applied® Product Catalog and on the Applied.com website. To understand how these products fit into your overall green goals, please contact the product manufacturer.

From bearings to motors to chemicals, our manufacturing partners have identified these and other eco-friendly product attributes:

- Energy reduction products
- Recycled content products
- Non-toxic products
- Biobased products
- Biodegradable products
- Environmentally-friendly certified products

Eco-Friendly Knowledge

When it comes to being green, knowledge is power. At Applied®, our most distinctive and important resource for our customers is our trained associates. We don’t just help customers make a one-time purchase of a green product. We pass on valuable product and systems knowledge to help customers make better choices in the long term. As this knowledge transfers throughout the customer’s operation, it can make a huge environmental impact.

Contact your Applied® Account Manager at 1-877-279-2799 to discuss your eco-friendly and energy efficiency requirements.
Eco-Friendly Operations

Applied Industrial Technologies is guided by objectives of improving operational efficiencies in energy, water, waste and environmental management systems. We continually look for ways to provide value to our customers, while running our business successfully and safeguarding resources for future generations.

A number of ongoing sustainability initiatives include:

Company-Wide Initiatives
- Discarding terminals, computers, printers and other computer-related equipment incorrectly negatively affects our environment. Applied® has developed procedures detailing the proper disposal of these items.
- We have eliminated the distribution of paper pay stubs. This information is now available online only. By switching to electronic distribution, we’re saving more than a few trees as well as the energy consumed in getting the stubs to remote locations.
- Our dedicated delivery provider has joined the SmartWay Transport Partnership, an innovative collaboration between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the freight industry designed to increase energy efficiency while significantly reducing greenhouse gases and air pollution.

Corporate Headquarter Initiatives
- The Applied® headquarters utilizes an energy conservation system integrating automatic temperature control for heating and air conditioning equipment.
- The building was constructed with energy efficient windows designed with coated insulated glass to save on energy.
- We recycle paper, catalogs and magazines, aluminum cans, glass and plastic products throughout the building.
- The Applied® headquarters controls lighting with occupancy sensors where appropriate.
- We have introduced a Green Certified cleaning process which entails the use of HEPA filtered backpack vacuums, Green Seal certified cleaning products and color-coded cleaning supplies to reduce cross contamination.

Service Center Initiatives
- At most service centers, we have installed programmable thermostats.
- Applied® has converted a large number of service centers to T8 electronic ballasts, high efficiency fluorescent bulbs and occupancy sensors where appropriate.
- HAZMAT Training is mandatory for all service center associates. The course provides detailed information on potential HAZMAT security issues and how associates can identify and prevent security threats.

Distribution Center Initiatives
- We recycle cardboard, plastic, paper, metals and used oil.
- We re-use skids, plastic shipping crates, packaging materials and incoming cardboard boxes.
- High efficiency fluorescent bulbs have been installed.
- As with our service center associates, HAZMAT training is mandatory for all distribution center associates.

The annual Applied Industrial Technologies Product Catalog is produced using eco-friendly materials, including ink made from renewable resources and paper made from post-consumer waste.
Greening Operations From Coast to Coast

Wherever our customers’ operations are located, Applied Industrial Technologies is nearby and ready to provide the green products and consultation needed. Our large network of locally stocked service centers and distribution centers, along with our innovative product ordering system and after-hours service, means that no matter when or where a part is needed, we can deliver.

And when you need other critical components, count on Applied® for a huge selection of bearings, power transmission products, fluid power products and systems, industrial rubber items and general maintenance products. As one of North America’s largest industrial distributors, Applied® provides immediate access to more than 3 million industrial parts from more than 2,000 leading manufacturers. We also provide added value through our trained associates’ product and applications expertise. We create customer success through the solutions we provide.

Contact Your Local Applied® Service Center 1-877-279-2799