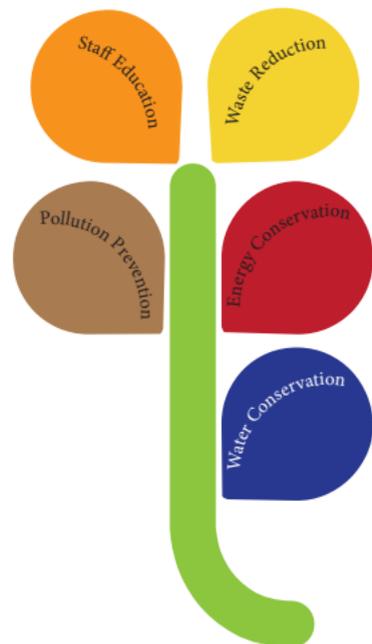


The petal Project

The Petal Project is a green business certification program designed to encourage organizations in the Dubuque area to adopt environmentally friendly business practices. The program provides businesses with a simple framework for saving money and resources while establishing a community-wide definition of a green business for consumers wishing to shop based on their values.

The Petal Project is divided into five categories. Within each category, a business must complete all of the mandatory and a specified number of optional criteria to earn that petal. Once the business has earned all five petals, it is "Petal Certified". Premier Tooling & Manufacturing is the fifth business in Dubuque County to be fully certified.



"We are very proud to achieve the Petal Certification, while still recognizing the importance of sustaining the Green Culture. As we go forward, our challenge will be to improve on what has been accomplished, and to propose new projects to keep enhancing our company's Green participation. It is up to each of us to do our part in conserving our environment for future generations. Our belief is that we all need to practice good environmental habits in our workplaces and homes."

— Janda Heister, President, Premier Tooling & Mfg., Inc.



Water Conservation

Water from the floor scrubbers and part washers is cleaned through a water recycling system and reused to clean the floors and wash parts. On average, 375 gallons of water per week is recycled.



Staff Education

Premier's Environmental Policy Statement establishes specific environmental objectives and provides direction for continual improvement. This statement and other environmental information are posted for all employees to read.



Energy Conservation

Premier Tooling & Mfg., Inc. conserves energy in many ways including cleaning light fixtures biannually and replacing T-12 florescent lights with T-5 and T-8 fixtures with reflectors. Additionally, eight large fans (5 – 24' blades) were installed to improve air circulation in the facility.



Pollution Prevention

Premier Tooling & Mfg., Inc. encourages employees to use alternatives modes of transportation to reduce the number of vehicle miles traveled. Four front row parking stalls are dedicated to those who elect to carpool to work. Those choosing to bike now have access to a bicycle rack and tire repair kit.



Waste Reduction

Premier Tooling & Mfg., Inc. takes recycling seriously. The company has found sources for almost all of its by-products. Since 2009 Premier has recycled over 70,000 pounds of baled cardboard, over 10,000 pounds of paper and 20,000 pounds of plastic.