



# Cleaner Floors... Greener World



 **AMERICO**

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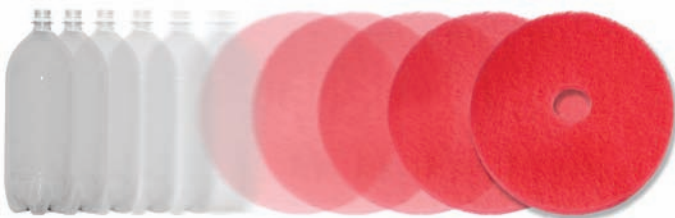
100% of the polyester fiber Americo uses in manufacturing floor pads, hand pads and utility pads comes from recycled plastic, with a minimum 80% post consumer waste. Primary sources of these materials are recycled soda and water bottles.

## How many plastic PET containers does it take to make a case of pads?

38 Water Bottles (12 oz.) = 1 Cs. of 20" Floor Pads (5 pads)

12 Soda Bottles (2 liter) = 1 Cs. of 20" Floor Pads (5 pads)

As an example, if a company uses as few as 100 cases of 20" floor pads a month this would calculate out to 3,800 12 oz. bottles not going into landfills.



## Water Based Latex Resins

We only use water-based latex resins in our binding process. No hazardous resins are used in our manufacturing process.

## Recycled Packaging

All of our shipping cartons contain at least 45% recycled materials.

## Waste Water Reduction

Our in-house water treatment facility has reduced our waste water flow by 83%.



**New State-of-the-Art Equipment** - *Pictured above*  
We've installed new multi-million dollar state-of-the-art equipment, increasing our energy efficiency by more than 30%.

## Clean Air Permit

Our manufacturing plant is operating under an EPA approved Clean Air Permit.



*Americo is doing its part to produce world class products while being stewards to our environment.*



Americo, a 40 year old family owned and operated manufacturing business, has been embracing eco-friendly principles for many years. Americo implemented sound, environmentally friendly practices long before it became a business cornerstone.

With a green emphasis on all our activities, from raw products used in our manufacturing process to conserving water, Americo is concerned about our environmental impact.

***Here are just a few additional ways we are doing our part in making a greener environment for everyone:***

- We have replaced older HVAC systems in our facility with “High Seer Rated” systems which reduce our energy usage and further reduce our “Carbon Footprint”.
- Where possible, manufacturing process motors have been placed on variable frequency drives to increase energy efficiency. VFD drive technology

reduces energy consumption and saves up to 30% in energy costs.

- Our main manufacturing facility in Acworth, Georgia is completing a roof renovation that utilizes a highly reflective white elastomeric coating. This coating is highly reflective and helps conserve energy by lowering the building’s temperature.
- Halogen lighting in Americo’s facility is being replaced with T-8 series fluorescent fixtures, which increases efficiency and lowers energy consumption.
- Administrative office HVAC control systems automatically lower/raise temperatures when offices are unoccupied, which reduces our energy consumption dramatically.
- Our current purchasing system is paperless along with other practical administrative processes. We are set up to handle electronic data transfer, EDI, for customers who prefer paperless ordering.
- Collection bins have been placed throughout Americo’s offices and plant facilities to encourage environmentally sound disposal of plastic bottles, aluminum cans, corrugated boxes and other paper products.

***Americo is continually looking for ways to conserve and protect our environment.***



# We even carry our green initiatives to the outdoors.

**Wildlife Habitat.** Americo has installed a pond oasis with the environment in mind. Our pond was designed as a habitat to sustain and nurture wildlife, as well as to create an inviting and soothing atmosphere for our visitors and employees.

Located at our headquarters facility, our 3,500 gallon pond has replaced an area that was once covered in grass. This closed, re-circulating water source is designed to capture and control storm run-off water and replaces the traditional ground cover using the principles of Xeriscaping which re-introduces native, drought tolerant plants and water-wise landscaping practices to the environment.

Special care has been taken to plant over 40 types of indigenous terrestrial plants and over 20 types of aquatic and

marginal plants. This hardy native landscaping has the added benefit of attracting wildlife to our area.

Our pond is also home to 30 rescued Koi from the University of Georgia. These healthy, beautiful fish are survivors of a virus and, as such, must be quarantined from other non-infected Koi.

Our pond and landscaping combined provides the four basic habitat elements for wildlife to thrive: food, water, cover and a place for wildlife to raise young. We have observed over seven species of birds nesting in this habitat simultaneously. At least fifteen species of birds and seven species of dragonflies have been observed within a fifty yard radius of the pond.

This area has been certified by the National Wildlife Federation as an official "Backyard Wildlife Habitat".



*Front entrance of Americo's corporate offices.*



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