Join Year 4 of Building Benchmark BC!

Building Benchmark BC (buildingbenchmarkbc.ca) is a voluntary building energy benchmarking program for property owners and municipalities in British Columbia. The program is proudly supported by 22 partner municipalities, BC Hydro, and the Province of BC (CleanBC).

Why should I join?

Currently recruiting for its 4th year (2022 calendar year data), the benefits of participating include:

For Building Owners:

- **Competitive Insights** on how your building(s) perform against similar ones across the province.
- **Free energy report cards** highlighting performance trends and providing recommendations on how to improve.
- **Display leadership,** prepare for upcoming building performance regulations, and gain recognition through yearly awards.

For Municipalities:

- **Build capacity** within your municipal team to prepare for upcoming performance regulations.
- **Surpass** your climate targets by knowing which buildings will benefit the most from retrofits.
- **Create informed policy** by understanding your local building stock and relying on real data for decision making.

What is the commitment?

The commitment is to provide 12-months of utility bill data for the 2022 calendar year for at least 1 building, with the possibility of opting-out of public disclosure.
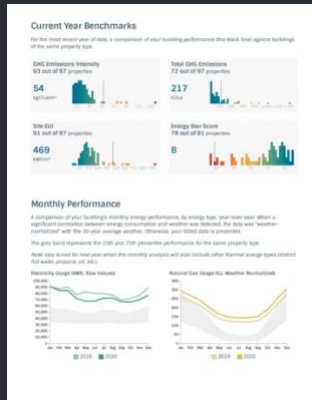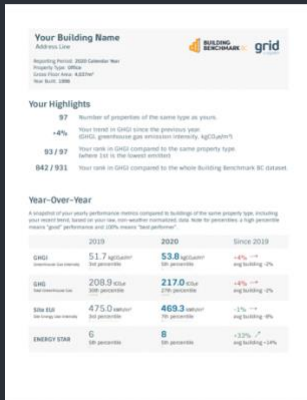
This means that you can get all the benefits of benchmarking without the fear of being the "bottom of the class". And who knows; maybe your buildings are at the top of the class! There's only one way to find out. Provide up to 3 years of data for as many buildings as you would like: this allows for a year-over-year analysis and deeper insights for each building.

How do I participate?

Participation is easy: register, share your data, make corrections where needed, and compare! See the last page for the step-by-step process.

Learn How You're Doing… and Where to Improve!

The Building Benchmark BC program includes two graphical components—the Energy Performance Report and the Disclosure Map. Here's a look at each.
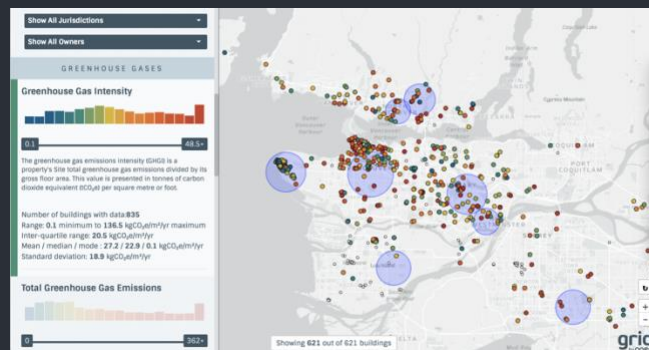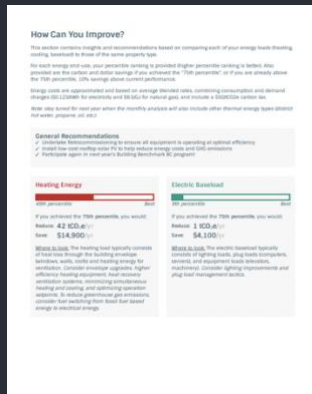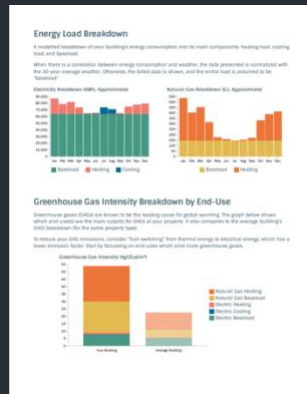

Energy Performance Reports

You will receive a short performance report for each building that you submitted.

It displays, at a glance, basic building stats, along with its rank relative to your peers in the program on energy consumed and greenhouse gases emitted.

The reports include:

- Rankings against similar buildings across BC.
- Year-over-year trends
- Breakdown of your energy use and GHG emissions
- Targeted recommendations and potential savings so that you can build your business case.

Disclosure Map

If you choose to participate in disclosure, your property will be included on the public Disclosure Map. Site visitors will be able to browse the map-based site, and click on any building in the database, including yours, to get detailed performance information.

Check out buildingbenchmarkbc.ca/data to get a feel for how it works.

> > > Complete the registration form at buildingbenchmarkbc.ca to get started! < < <

Deliverables, Dates, and Decisions

Thank you for your interest in Building Benchmark BC! Your participation involves 4 key steps – **REGISTRATION**, **COLLECTION**, **VALIDATION**, and **DISCLOSURE** – please see below for the specifics.

1. Registration

If you are new to the program, sign-up at buildingbenchmarkbc.ca.

We will collect your contact information, high-level details about how you currently track utility bills, and how many buildings you will be sharing.

Deadline to register: **April 30, 2023**

2. Collection

We will help you to share your monthly utility bill data with us:

- Set up ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager (ESPM)
- Connect your utility provider to ESPM (optional)
- Send data from ESPM to Building Benchmark BC.

Deadline to send data: **May 31, 2023**

3. Validation

Then it's our turn! We will review the data provided, flag any gaps, and work with you to correct them.

Following validation, we will send you your Energy Performance Report(s)—see the page above for an example.

Deadline for all data corrections: **June 31, 2023**

4. Disclosure

Once you have reviewed your Energy Performance Report(s), you can decide if you want to publicly disclose your properties on our Disclosure Map at buildingbenchmarkbc.ca/data.

Note that we require disclosure for most recognition categories, but it remains voluntary.
Deadline to opt-out of disclosure: **August 31, 2023**