LEVEL UP YOUR BUILDING PERFORMANCE

MEASURE. SCORE. IMPROVE.

Chula Vista is helping building owners improve their energy efficiency to save money and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Benchmarking is the process of reporting a building's energy use to understand its performance (as compared to buildings of the same property type and vintage) and to identify opportunities to improve efficiency. ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager is a free database and reporting tool selected by Chula Vista to collect energy use by importing utility bill consumption information.

After 5 and 10 years, buildings not qualified as high-performance may have to comply with conservation measures, prescriptive upgrades, or minimum improvements.

Multifamily, commercial and industrial buildings with **20,000 square feet or more of gross floor area (GFA)** are required to set up reporting through ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager.

WHERE TO START?

Watch our series of brief videos to learn more about benchmarking.

https://bit.ly/benchmarking_videos

HOW DO I BENCHMARK?

Our How-To-Benchmark guide will walk you through the process. It usually takes just a couple of hours to get set up.

https://bit.ly/chulavista-guide

NEED HELP?

Contact Chula Vista staff
benchmark@chulavistaca.gov

Make an appointment:
https://benchmarkinghelp.as.me/

Key Dates

- Annual energy usage must be reported each year by **May 20.**
- Results must be disclosed to tenants by **September 1.**

More Information

Benchmarking Energy Savings Ordinance (BESO)

As part of Chula Vista's Climate Action Plan, the City approved the Building Energy Saving Ordinance (BESO) in 2021. This ordinance requires owners of multifamily, commercial, and industrial buildings 20,000 square feet and above to report their building's annual energy use, also known as benchmarking.

Benefits of Benchmarking

By reporting this energy data, the City will have the ability to help you:

- Prioritize energy-efficiency investments;
- Reduce carbon emissions;
- Track energy efficiency improvements over time; and
- Help you save money on your utility bills.

Cost

Portfolio Manager is a free online tool to benchmark your building and create the reports required for compliance with the City of Chula Vista's BESO. There may be fees or costs associated with hiring an outside consultant to help you with benchmarking if you choose not to do it yourself.

The City of Chula Vista does not charge a fee for reporting data.

For more information, visit www.chulavistaca.gov/benchmark

CHULA VISTA BENCHMARKING FAQs

Am I required to comply?

If the Gross Floor Area (GFA) of buildings on your parcel adds up to 20,000 gross square feet or greater, then you will need to report your building's energy use data. Building owners are responsible for compliance with this ordinance.

What type of information and data do I need for reporting?

You'll need basic building information like address, gross floor area, year built, percentage occupied, operating hours, and number of employees and computers within the building.

Are extensions and/or exceptions available?

Extensions or exceptions may be available. Please refer to the Request for Extension and or Request for Exemption on our webpage to review qualification criteria and complete your request, if applicable.

What is Energy Star Portfolio Manager?

Portfolio Manager® is the ENERGY STAR® online measurement and tracking tool that allows you to:

- Track and assess the energy and water consumption of your building(s).
- Generate a 1 to 100 ENERGY STAR energy performance score for many eligible building types.
- Generate custom reports that allow you to see time trending information and compare buildings within your portfolio.

Do I need to report to both the State of California and City of Chula Vista?

You will only need to report directly to the City of Chula Vista, which will then share all data for buildings to comply with Assembly Bill 802 requirements.

How Do I Find my Building ID (UBID) Number?

Enter a partial address into the Building ID Finder. If you are having trouble finding your building, try using a partial word or number.

For example, type "304" instead of "304 Fourth Ave."

https://bit.ly/CVBESO-UBIDFinder

If you still cannot find your UBID number, email benchmark@chulavistaca.gov for assistance.

How do I report data without access to my tenant's energy bills?

Property owners without access to tenant bills can still report their building's energy use by syncing their Energy Star Portfolio Manager account with SDG&E for automatic energy data retrieval. View their user guide linked on www.chulavistaca.gov/benchmark to learn how to set up a data connection.

When do I need my tenant's permission to share their data?

AB 802 requires Customer Authorization or Account Validation for aggregated energy usage data requests for benchmarking when a Covered Building has:

- Fewer than 3 active utility accounts of any Energy type (gas or electric), none of which are residential, or
- Fewer than 5 active utility accounts of each Energy type (gas or electric), at least one of which is residential.

View the SDG&E user guide linked on www.chulavistaca.gov/benchmark to learn more.

How Do I Know I Successfully Submitted my Energy Data?

When you submit your energy use data you will see a green confirmation message and receive a confirmation email.

More resources can be found on our website, below.

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