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# THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES EXISTING BUILDINGS ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY ORDINANCE

The built environment is the single greatest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Los Angeles. **4%** of buildings in the City of Los Angeles are responsible for **50%** of the total building energy use.

## Sustainable City pLAn Goals:

- **30%** reduction in energy use per square foot by 2035
- **25%** reduction in water use per capita by 2035
- **80%** reduction in GHG emissions by 2050

## WHAT IS BENCHMARKING? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Energy and water benchmarking is the process of measuring a building's energy and water use over time relative to other buildings. This allows owners and occupants to understand their building's energy and water footprint relative to similar buildings.

Benchmarking helps identify opportunities for cost-effective improvements while cutting energy and water waste.

**DOWNLOAD FULL BENCHMARKING GUIDE HERE:**  
[www.betterbuildingsla.com/how-to-comply](http://www.betterbuildingsla.com/how-to-comply)

## PERFORMANCE:

The Ordinance also requires covered buildings to reduce energy and water use, or perform audits and retro-commissioning on a 5-year cycle determined by the property's AIN. Because planning and budgeting projects take time, you are strongly encouraged to begin preparing now.

**CONTACT THE RESOURCE CENTER:**  
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## Questions?

- LA Department of Building and Safety: questions related to your Building ID, deadlines, and possible extensions (**ladbs.ebewe@lacity.org**)
- The LA Energy and Water Efficiency Resource Center: questions on benchmarking or performance (**betterbuildingsla.com**)
- LA Department of Water and Power: questions regarding status of electricity and water data requests, or issues with electricity or water data provided (**ladwp.com/buildingbenchmarking**)
- SoCalGas: questions regarding status of gas data requests, or issues with gas data provided (**ebenchmarking.socalgas.com/ab802**)
- Many opportunities for rebates and incentives available

## The Existing Buildings Energy and Water Efficiency Ordinance (EBEWE) is designed to encourage buildings to reduce energy and water use

The EBEWE Ordinance includes both building benchmarking and performance requirements, which are being phased in over time.

In accordance with the chart below, buildings must begin tracking and reporting whole-building energy and water use annually with ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager®.

Summary Statistics and Compliance Status by property address will be made publicly available by LADBS.

BUILDING SQUARE FOOTAGE	OWNER TYPE	FIRST BENCHMARK REPORTING DATE	SUBSEQUENT BENCHMARK REPORTING DATE
7,500+	City Buildings	December 1, 2017	June 1 thereafter
100,000+	Private	December 1, 2017	
50,000+		June 1, 2018	
20,000+		June 1, 2019	

Please see: [www.betterbuildingsla.com/the-law](http://www.betterbuildingsla.com/the-law)

Starting in 2019, the Ordinance also requires covered buildings to achieve certain efficiency targets or perform audits and retrocommissioning on a 5-year cycle determined by the property's AIN (see [www.betterbuildingsla.com/resources/faqs-and-videos](http://www.betterbuildingsla.com/resources/faqs-and-videos)).

