Building energy benchmarking involves collecting basic building information (such as year built, construction type and occupancy type) and at least one year of monthly energy usage data to compare a building’s energy use to similar buildings.

Benefits of building energy benchmarking
Benchmarking provides building owners and managers with objective data on their property’s energy performance. Better data helps owners and managers accurately value efficiency improvements. Studies show that more efficient buildings command higher lease rates and have increased asset value at resale.

Benchmarking basics for multifamily buildings
- Applies to buildings greater than 50,000 square feet with 17 or more residential utility accounts
- Requires building owner or manager to complete an annual report using ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, a free online tool provided by the U.S. EPA
- Reporting deadline is June 1, 2019 and each June 1 thereafter

You can’t manage what you don’t measure
Start benchmarking with ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager

1. **Visit the benchmarking section of your utility company’s website.** Some utilities have a benchmarking portal that automatically uploads your property’s energy data to your ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager account.

2. **Go to the EnergyStar Portfolio Manager website.** Create a new account or log in:

   portfoliomanager.energystar.gov/pm/login.html

3. **Check out the Portfolio Manager Quickstart Guide:**

   energystar.gov/buildings/tools-and-resources/portfolio-manager-quick-start-guide

**Benchmarking Resources**

California Energy Commission Building Energy Benchmarking Program

[c] energy.ca.gov/benchmarking

Questions? Email the Energy Commission’s benchmarking hotline: benchmarking@energy.ca.gov

**Multifamily Energy Upgrade Resources**

Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) Multifamily Program

[bayareamultifamily.org]

PG&E Multifamily Upgrade Program

[multifamilyupgrade.com]

State of California’s Low Income Weatherization Program

[camultifamilyenergyefficiency.org]

MCE (Bay Area)

[mcecleanenergy.org/multifamily-savings]

Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Multifamily Program

[socalren.com/multifamily]

ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager makes it easy for you to compare your building’s energy performance to similar buildings.