

Boston, Massachusetts

Building Emissions Reduction & Disclosure Ordinance

The Boston Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO) is a Building Performance Standard (BPS) program that requires commercial buildings over 20,000 sq. ft. and residential buildings with 15+ units to report annual energy and emissions data and to gradually meet declining emissions targets starting in 2025.

Learn More: [Regulation Text](#) [Program Website](#) [Covered Buildings List](#)

Covered Buildings

The requirements apply to multifamily buildings with 15 or more units, commercial buildings that are 20,000 sq. ft. or larger, and any tax parcel containing multiple buildings that total at least 20,000 sq. ft. or 15 units.

Compliance Pathways

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Buildings must meet emissions targets based on their use type, or their individual compliance schedule aligned with a 50% reduction by 2030 and 100% reduction by 2050 targets. Buildings with more than one primary use may comply with a blended CO2 emission standard.

Identify Emissions Standard

Utilize the chart available on BERDO's website to identify the applicable emissions standards for each building. Buildings must comply by using the emissions standard that matches the largest primary use type. [GHG emissions based on building type.](#)

Data Verification

Properties must undergo third-party data verification for the first year of reporting, and every verification year (provided on program site).

Exemptions & Provisions

New Construction

Newly constructed buildings must report once a full calendar year has elapsed after issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

Other Conditions

Buildings with permits for demolition or those facing specific financial distress may contact the BERDO office for guidance on compliance.

Penalties & Enforcement

Failure to comply with reporting requirements and/or emission standards may result in a fine of \$150-\$1000 a day.

Failure to accurately report information may result in a fine of \$1000-\$5,000 a day.

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- [Utility Invoice Processing](#) – Simplify the process of collecting and managing utility consumption data.
- [ENERGY STAR® Services](#) – Streamline benchmarking, verify whole-property data and achieve ENERGY STAR Certification for your properties.
- [Building Performance Standards](#) – Track and recover utility expenses with ease.
- [Energy Procurement](#) – Optimize energy costs and reduce carbon emissions.
- [Energy Efficiency](#) – Improve building energy performance with real-time data and timely alerts, detect HVAC system issues and reduce energy waste.

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