

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Energy Evaluation Requirements

As of 2023, commercial and multifamily buildings in Minneapolis are required to complete energy evaluations once every five years. Evaluations are not required for high performing buildings, including those with an ENERGY STAR® Score of 75 or higher, a qualifying green building certification or demonstrable reductions in weather normalized site energy use intensity (EUI).

Learn More: <u>Program Website</u> <u>Covered Buildings List</u> <u>Regulation Text</u>

Covered Buildings

The Energy Evaluation requirements apply to commercial and multifamily buildings with a gross floor area of 50,000 sq. ft. and larger.

Compliance Pathways

1. Prescriptive Pathway

Once every five years, the owner of a covered building must obtain an energy evaluation to identify opportunities to improve overall energy efficiency.

2. Performance Pathway

A covered building may be exempt if it meets one of the following conditions:

- Achieved an Energy Star score of 75 or higher.
- Has an energy use intensity (EUI) rating in the City's bottom 75%.
- Reduced its weather-normalized energy use intensity by 20%.
- Earned a qualifying green building certification within the last three years.



Exemptions & Provisions

Affordable Housing

All multifamily building owners can request a free energy evaluation from the Multifamily Building Efficiency (MFBE) program.

Other Conditions

Buildings used primarily for industrial purposes are not required to comply. Properties experiencing qualifying financial distress or meeting certain conditions for low occupancy may be eligible for exemption.

Penalties & Enforcement

A building owner who does not submit an evaluation report will be issued a written warning. If the property continues to be noncompliant after 45 days, the City may take additional enforcement actions, including the denial, suspension, revocation or refusal to issue a rental license, certificate of commercial building registration or business license.

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- <u>Utility Invoice Processing</u> Simplify the process of collecting and managing utility consumption data.
- <u>ENERGY STAR® Services</u> Streamline benchmarking, verify whole-property data and achieve ENERGY STAR Certification for your properties.
- <u>Building Performance Standards</u> Track, monitor and streamline BPS compliance.
- <u>Energy Procurement</u> Optimize energy costs and reduce carbon emissions.
- <u>Energy Efficiency</u> Improve building energy performance with real-time data and timely alerts, detect HVAC system issues and reduce energy waste.

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