



Orlando, Florida

Building Energy and Water Efficiency Strategy

Orlando's Building Energy and Water Efficiency Strategy (BEWES) requires commercial and multifamily buildings over 50,000 sq. ft. to report annual energy and water usage. Buildings with an ENERGY STAR® Score below 50 must complete an energy audit or retro-commissioning every five years.

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[Regulation Text](#)

[Program Website](#)

[Covered Building List](#)

Covered Buildings

Multifamily and commercial properties larger than 50,000 sq. ft. and city-owned facilities exceeding 10,000 sq. ft. are required to comply with the policy. This includes warehouses and distribution facilities used for light manufacturing and storage. Properties used for industrial and intensive manufacturing purposes and buildings that are part of a theme park are excluded.

Compliance Pathways

1. Prescriptive Pathway

Every five years, covered buildings are required to undergo an energy audit or a retro-commissioning of the base building systems.

2. Performance Pathway

A property is not required to complete an energy audit or retro-commissioning if any of the following criteria are met:

- Has an ENERGY STAR Score of 50 or higher.
- If the building type is not eligible for an ENERGY STAR Score, the property's energy use intensity (EUI) is equal to or better than the median performance of all covered buildings of its type.
- Has a LEED Operations and Maintenance or other qualifying Certification.

Compliance Pathways, Continued

- Has improved its ENERGY STAR Score by 10 points or improved its EUI by 15%.
- Performs continuous commissioning.

Exemptions & Provisions

Properties may not be required to complete audits and retro-commissioning under certain conditions, including financial hardship and pending demolition. The BEWES program does not apply to properties that are primarily telecommunications infrastructure.

Penalties & Enforcement

Properties that have failed to comply will be notified and listed as non-compliant.

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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, monitor and streamline BPS compliance.
- [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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