

Building Energy Performance Standards

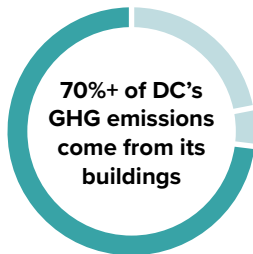
Understand the basics.

What are the Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS)?

BEPS are regulatory tools that the District is using to help meet its green building and climate goals. BEPS set minimum thresholds for energy performance for existing buildings of various types. These thresholds, or standards, are based on and measured against a building's demonstrated energy performance, as shown in its benchmarking data.

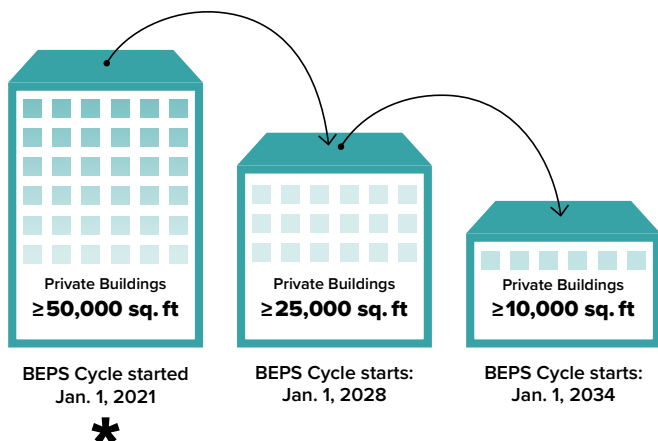
Why does this regulation exist?

Since buildings account for over 70% of the District's GHG emissions, reducing the amount of energy used in buildings is paramount in order to achieve the District's climate commitments. This is one way we can all say, with what will eventually be data as concrete evidence, how our individual actions made a difference.



What buildings are subject to BEPS?

If your building is $\geq 50,000$ sq. ft. you are currently subject to the first BEPS period. As the benchmarking requirements ratchet down in square footage over time, additional buildings will be subject to the BEPS requirements in following periods until all buildings 10,000 sq. ft. and over are following the performance standards.



What are the standards?

The standards are performance targets based on ENERGY STAR scores for buildings that received a score, and Source EUI for buildings that did not receive an ENERGY STAR score.

Property Type	ENERGY STAR Score	Source EUI
Hotel	54	183.9
Multifamily Housing	66	110.7
Office	71	153.7
K-12 School	36	139

How do you know if your building meets the standard?

For buildings that can receive an ENERGY STAR score, a building will not meet the standards if, based on its 2019 energy benchmarking data, its score is less than the ENERGY STAR score standard set for their property type.

What do I do if my building doesn't meet the standard?

An owner of a building that does not meet the BEPS must implement one of the following pathways during the Compliance Cycle. Definitions and details can be found on DOEE's website.

Performance Path	Standard Target Path
Prescriptive Path	Alternative Compliance Path

What are the next BEPS deadlines I need to worry about?

January 1, 2026. Start of evaluation year. Complete performance improvements in time to allow for a full year of benchmarking data during the evaluation year to demonstrate compliance with BEPS.

December 31, 2026. End of Compliance Cycle 1.

April 1, 2027. Submit Completed Actions Report to DOEE. Report to include a short survey of energy efficiency measures implemented to meet the energy performance requirements.

May 1, 2027. Submit benchmarking report to DOEE of 2026 data that is third-party verified.