

City of Fort Collins Leads by Example Parks, Forestry and Cemeteries



In 2012, the City’s Parks, Forestry and Cemeteries Shop received an ENERGY STAR® score of 61 out of 100. After upgrading its hot water system and automating more building controls, the facility received a score of 80 in 2016, with a reduction of more than \$16,000 in annual utility costs. As of spring 2017, the score continues to improve and is currently rated at 89.

Knowing the facility could perform at a higher level, Stu Reeve, City of Fort Collins energy manager, contributes the improvements to making high-efficiency choices, tracking the progress with ENERGY STAR and leveraging the City’s energy-efficiency rebates. As an added bonus, employees have said their work spaces also are more comfortable.

“We’ve used the ENERGY STAR benchmarking model to enhance our energy-efficiency and Climate Action Plan goals, reduce energy costs and improve the indoor environmental quality of our facilities,” said Reeve.

A supporter of the program, Reeve recognizes that the advantages go beyond energy performance, adding, “Benchmarking through ENERGY STAR encompasses indoor air quality, lighting, building comfort and reduced utility costs. It also provides a baseline for how we compare nationwide, and reveals a variety of efficiency opportunities, including no- and low-cost options, to maximize your building’s overall performance.”

Get Started

Receive your building’s energy score through Portfolio Manager (energystar.gov/benchmark) or with a free facility assessment from Fort Collins Utilities, fcgov.com/facility-assessment.

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A building’s energy score indicates how it compares to peer facilities nationwide. A score of 50 is average, while a 30 means it’s only more efficient than 30 percent of peer facilities. A score of 75 or higher means it is a top performer and eligible for ENERGY STAR certification.

