

# MULTIFAMILY BUILDING ENERGY CHALLENGE RULES

- A Building Owner can enter an unlimited number of multifamily apartment buildings in the competition. To be eligible to compete, buildings must have complete energy data entered in ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager for the calendar year beginning March 1, 2018 and ending February 28, 2019. Buildings built after March 1, 2018, or that do not have this complete period of energy data, are unable to compete for awards but still are encouraged to participate.
- A Building Owner's third-party representative may apply on behalf of a Building Owner with verification that the entity represents the Building Owner's interest (e.g., Building Owner representative letter).
- The application period will be open from **February 18, 2019 to May 1, 2019**. All buildings that submit complete, whole-building energy use data for the calendar year of March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020 through Portfolio Manager will be eligible to compete for the awards italicized below.
- By competing in this challenge, participants agree to share their building energy and water performance data with the City and agree to share their successes with the public (e.g., via case studies).
- Building Owners may request data from Fort Collins Utilities by emailing [buildingscoring@fcgov.com](mailto:buildingscoring@fcgov.com) and/or through the Xcel Energy Benchmarking data portal.
- Fort Collins Utilities will provide unrequired, free trainings and technical support for using ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager.
- For the winner announcement, competitors must update and submit complete energy use data through February 29, 2020. We will provide a link to this Portfolio Manager report in January, 2020.
- We will provide recognition for the following efficiency achievements, at a minimum (subject to change):
  - *Participation*: All teams will receive a certificate acknowledging their efforts.
  - *Most Improved*: One award to the building with the greatest increase in ENERGY STAR score and one award to the building with the greatest increase in Water Score.
  - *Top Performer*: The team with the best ENERGY STAR score.
  - *Most Innovative*: One to two awards to the property manager, facilities manager, or volunteer who illustrated the greatest engagement and leadership in championing their property/ies' energy performance..
  - *Property energizer*: one to two awards to the property manager, facilities manager, or volunteer who illustrated the greatest engagement and leadership in championing their property/ies' energy performance.
  - *Trailbreaker*: one award for the participant who displayed exceptional efforts in promoting energy conservation across the real estate market.
  - *Showcase*: one award describing the program, to be kept at the Utilities Administration Building highlighting top performers.
- Electricity data will be evaluated using property Energy Use Intensity (EUI) (Kbtu/SF).
- Water data will be evaluated using Water Use Intensity (WUI) (Gallons/SF).
- By March 15, the presumptive winners must submit their energy or water data for the baseline and comparative periods (March 1, 2018 - February 28, 2019 and March 1, 2019 - February 29, 2020, respectively). Participants may be required to show records and validate data.

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