



Energy and Water Reporting Benchmarking

July 1, 2019 Reporting Deadline - Reminder

The CCI-T Legislative Committee recently informed all members of the upcoming Energy and Water Reporting Benchmarking requirements. There is now mandatory reporting of utility consumption for all buildings over 50,000 sq. ft. under the Electricity Act, 1998.

We are re-circulating this information as the deadline approaches, to ensure all our members are aware of a ready to meet the July 1 deadline.

Please see below the information previously circulated, we hope that it is of assistance to you in meeting your legislative obligations.

What you should do now?

We encourage all Condominium Corporations to contact the EWRB Service Ontario Contact Centre at 1-844-274-0689 to update your contact information and obtain both an MPAC and EWRB reporting number. **These details are vital in ensuring that you will be able to comply with the legislation.**

You can also use this contact to inform the program if your building is less than 50,000 sq. ft. so that you will not be contacted to request compliance.

Measuring your buildings size

The gross floor area of a single building or structure is equal to “the total number of square feet measured between the exterior surfaces of the enclosed fixed walls of the building or structure...including common areas and underground parking if not submetered” (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/guide-energy-and-water-reporting>). For multiple buildings, combine the numbers using the same calculation.

Most condominium corporations can find this information in their most recent insurance appraisal. **Not sure? Contact an energy consultant or engineer for guidance.**

My condo has to comply – what now?

Step 1 – Collect consumption data

An energy consultant or engineer should be engaged to collect the data from the last calendar year (January 2018 to December 2018). We recommend consulting an expert as most condominiums have complicated metering set ups and it is important that you ensure your reporting is accurate and complies with the legislation.

Step 2 – Confirm the data is correct

If you did not use a consultant or engineer to collect the data, it will need to be confirmed as correct. This is mandatory in the first year for properties over 100,000 sq. ft. but still recommended for those between 50,000 and 100,000 sq. ft. Acceptable accreditations for qualified persons are:

- Building Energy Technology Certificate
- Building Operator Certification
- Building Science Specialist of Ontario
- Certified Building Commissioning Professional
- Certified Energy Auditor
- Certified Master Inspector
- Certified Measurement and Verification Professional
- Professional Engineers of Ontario
- Portfolio Manager Certification

The Ministry of Energy has not provided a list of accredited professionals, only examples of acceptable accreditations.

Step 3 – Input the data

Your consultant or engineer will then input the data into the Portfolio Manager software using the MPAC and EWRB numbers you obtained at the beginning of this process.

When must I comply?

Your first report will be due by July 1, 2019 and annually thereafter.

What support is CCI-Toronto offering?

CCI-Toronto is advocating for you through this process by providing feedback to the Ministry of Energy about how to simplify the program, but also educating their team about outreach and communication to the condominium industry.