

## ENERGY STAR® BENCHMARKING & CERTIFICATION SERVICES

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As the leading authority on benchmarking utility consumption and waste in buildings in North America, ENERGY STAR® sets the industry standard for reporting. ENERGY STAR reports are widely regarded by investors, ESG frameworks and government agencies as key indicators of building performance.

Yardi, a proud ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year for multiple years running, offers streamlined services for building owners and managers to benchmark energy, water, waste, and emissions. As an ENERGY STAR Service and Product Provider, Yardi maintains a direct connection to Portfolio Manager® for automated data exchanges.

With a specialized team of benchmarking analysts and licensed Professional Engineers (PE), Yardi manages every aspect of setting up and maintaining property profiles in Portfolio Manager, from initiating utility data requests to submitting verified whole-building data. High-performing buildings can attain ENERGY STAR building certification with our focus on maximizing data coverage and efficiency.

Trust Yardi for expert guidance, seamless workflows, and hassle-free reporting. Headquartered in our own ENERGY STAR certified office buildings in Santa Barbara, California, we are committed to advancing sustainability through energy efficiency. Read on to learn more about the ENERGY STAR program and our role as a recognized Service and Product Provider.

### What is the ENERGY STAR program?

ENERGY STAR is a program administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which defines measures of energy efficiency and maintains Portfolio Manager, a web-based tool for evaluating building efficiency. The initiative has helped save individuals and businesses over \$500 billion in avoided energy costs since it began in 1992.



# ENERGY STAR FAQ

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## What does an ENERGY STAR building score represent?

By benchmarking with ENERGY STAR, properties obtain a rating from 1 to 100. The ENERGY STAR scoring system is comparative, allowing building owners and managers to gauge how efficiently their properties operate relative to other buildings in the same category. A building score of 50 is a median rating — more efficient than half of all comparable buildings.

## What is the difference between benchmarking and certification?

Benchmarking is the first step to certification. Buildings scoring 75 or higher are considered top performers and can apply for ENERGY STAR certification in Portfolio Manager. Certifications and re-certifications require sign-off by a licensed Professional Engineer (PE) or Registered Architect (RA). Benchmarking, certification and re-certification activities operate on an annual cycle.

## What benefits does ENERGY STAR offer?

Benchmarking with ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager is an effective strategy to streamline reporting for regulatory compliance, green loans and ESG disclosures. ENERGY STAR certified buildings use 35 percent less energy than similar buildings, leading to higher net operating income and increased property valuation.

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## How does Yardi streamline Portfolio Manager data workflows?

By automating the transfer of data from utility bills to Portfolio Manager, Yardi eliminates manual data entry. As an ENERGY STAR Service and Product Provider, Yardi maintains data links between our Utility Invoice Processing systems and ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager. You gain access to user-friendly reports and cost data in the Pulse dashboard, while maintaining direct access to your portfolio data in ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager.

## Does Yardi offer whole-building data aggregation?

Our standard procedure is to ensure whole-building data coverage where utility vendors make this information available, ensuring compliance with local requirements. Our team works directly with utilities to help you fulfill reporting obligations and maximize data coverage. Yardi also offers manual meter readings to collect utility consumption data that would otherwise remain inaccessible.

## How long does setup take?

The average implementation can be completed within 30 days once a property is live with Yardi Utility Invoice Processing. Our team is skilled in transitioning and managing existing Portfolio Manager accounts to ensure a smooth transition, avoiding overlaps and gaps in meter data.