

BERKELEY BUILDING EMISSIONS SAVING ORDINANCE (BESO)

Prepare for Compliance.

Confirm building details, conduct tenant outreach, and collect utility data.

Benchmark & Strategize.

Review benchmarking results and develop best path to BPS compliance.

Verify & Complete Compliance.

Verify data, submit report, and begin planning for next compliance deadline.



COVERED BUILDINGS

Small residential - 1 to 4 unit homes.
Medium buildings - 15,000 to 25,000 Sq. Ft.
Large buildings - Over 25,000 Sq. Ft.



REQUIREMENTS

Energy Benchmarking: Annual for medium & large buildings.
Energy Assessments: Required upon sale (small & medium buildings) or every 5 years (large buildings).
Resilience Upgrades: Small residential buildings must complete efficiency upgrades before sale.



DEADLINES

Benchmarking: July 1, annually.
Energy Assessments: Upon sale or every 5 years.
Resilience Upgrades: Upon sale starting in 2026 (1-2 unit homes) or 2028 (3-4 unit homes).



PENALTIES

Fines range from \$100 - \$500 per violation per day.

RELEVANT SERVICES

- Benchmarking
- BPS Compliance
- Building Audits
- Owner's Rep
- Data Verification
- Carbon Accounting
- Decarbonization
- Incentive Management

QUALIFICATIONS

- ENERGY STAR® Partner
- Certified Energy Manager (CEM)
- Registered Energy Assessor
- LEED®
- Carbon Auditing Professional (CAP)



VCA Green is a trusted sustainability partner delivering comprehensive building life cycle services. We specialize in energy modeling, code compliance, green certifications, field verification, benchmarking, and performance reporting. Our diverse team provides scalable solutions that reduce risk, accelerate ROI, and deliver a competitive advantage to commercial real estate. As part of the VCA family of companies, our growing presence nationwide positions us as a trusted partner in sustainable building practices.