

EVANSTON HEALTHY BUILDING ORDINANCE (HBO)

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

All existing buildings 20,000 Sq. Ft. or larger.



REQUIREMENTS

Energy & Water Benchmarking: Annually.

Data Verification: Required for baseline, interim, and final BPS years.

Building Performance Standards (BPS): Still under development. Buildings will need to meet interim and final performance standards.



DEADLINES

Benchmarking: June 30, annually.

Data Verification: June 30, in BPS compliance years.

BPS: Must comply in 2030, 2035, 2040, 2045, and 2050.



PENALTIES

Benchmarking: \$250 per month.

BPS: Fines to be determined.

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)
- 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.