



NJCEP Quarterly Newsletter

Lighting the Way to a Clean Energy Future



Welcome back to our newsletter! We're excited to update you on the latest developments. This is a great opportunity to discover new information on energy efficiency and other clean energy technologies. Let's all work together to light the way toward a clean energy future!

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What's New from the NJBPU?

On April 2, 2024, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities mailed a notification letter regarding the New Jersey Clean Energy Act's Energy and Water Benchmarking Law to the owners or operators of commercial buildings larger than 25,000 square feet. These building owners and operators must track and report energy and water usage every year by using the United States Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager tool. The deadline to report calendar year 2023 usage is **July 1, 2024**. For this reporting year, there is an automatic 90-day grace period after the July 1 deadline for reporting 2023 usage for all building owners.



A help desk is available to answer questions about the benchmarking program and Portfolio Manager. If you have any additional questions, please visit our [benchmarking website](#) to view frequently asked questions, submit a general inquiry or an exemption request, receive instructions for how to report, or obtain training resources and important updates for benchmarking in New Jersey. To submit an inquiry on the help desk website, please select "New Ticket." To respond to a previously submitted ticket or a received email, please email njbpubenchmarking@beam-portal.org or call 888-533-4571.

Program Highlights

NJCEP Funded Complex Earns U.S. Department of Energy Award

The newly constructed K. Hovnanian's Cove at Asbury Park Urban Renewal, LLC, partially funded by NJCEP, has been awarded the [Zero Energy Ready Home Champion Award](#). This Housing Innovation Award recognizes builders who have constructed the most Department of Energy Zero- Energy Ready single and two-family homes. This multifamily complex has an annual energy savings cost of **\$1,900** and is expected to save **\$76,500** in the first 30 years.

Be sure to take a look at the new construction programs offered by [NJCEP](#), which can help you start saving on energy costs!

NJ Board of Public Utilities Receives ENERGY STAR® Award

The NJBPU received the [2024 ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year for Sustained Excellence award!](#)

This award is presented to partners wholly committed to leadership in energy efficiency and the ENERGY STAR® program. The NJBPU has been recognized for 12 years of sustained excellence with ENERGY STAR® and continues to put its goal for a clean energy future at the forefront.

Discover how the NJBPU's [Clean Energy Program](#) helps New Jersey residents and businesses save energy and money!

Stay in the Know

Design Like an Energy Efficiency Expert

ENERGY STAR®
Design Guidance Checklist



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Are you currently planning a new construction project?

Design your new commercial building using the [ENERGY STAR® Design Guidance Checklist](#). This checklist provides the best methods to form your energy team, set your energy objectives, and create a building design that meets your needs, while assisting you in obtaining [ENERGY STAR® certification](#).

Now is the perfect time to start making energy-efficient decisions and earning program incentives with the existing [new construction programs](#).

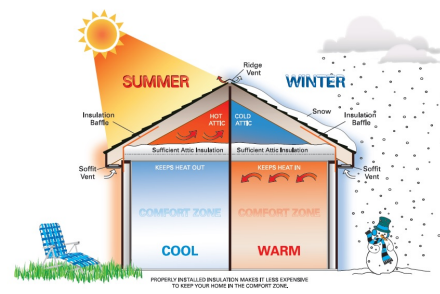
Let's Get Technical

Cool Tips to Keep Cool with Insulation

How can you stay chill as we gear up for the hottest part of summer? Proper building insulation can improve comfort while lowering your cooling costs.

Heat naturally moves from warmer to cooler

areas until temperature equalizes. During warmer seasons, heat transfers from the outside to the inside of a building. Heat can also move indirectly through interior surfaces like ceilings, walls, and floors whenever temperature differentials exist. Improving your building's insulation acts as a barrier to heat flow, preventing warm air from entering and keeping the inside cool.



Good insulation helps air conditioning systems use less energy to maintain a comfortable indoor temperature all summer long (energy.gov).

Did you know?

The EPA estimates that you can **save an average of 15% on cooling costs** by air-sealing buildings and adding insulation. (energystar.gov).

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Check out upcoming events and meetings on NJCEP's Calendar!

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Join the thousands of New Jersey homeowners, businesses and municipalities that have taken advantage of incentives offered by New Jersey's Clean Energy Program.™ These programs provide opportunities for you to save energy, money and help protect our climate and shoreline.

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