

SERVICE NOTICE

COVID-19 Response: Benchmarking Guidance for August 1, 2020 Deadline

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, property owners who were not able to submit their CY2019 benchmarking information by May 1, 2020 are required to submit a fully compliant report by August 1, 2020.

[Local Law 84 of 2009](#) and [Local Law 133 of 2016](#) require owners of covered buildings to submit energy and water consumption data to the City annually by May 1st, as outlined in NYC Administrative Code § 28-309.4. Building owners who were unable to submit a report by May 1, 2020 will not receive a violation if a fully compliant benchmarking report is submitted by August 1, 2020. **Applicants who do not submit a fully compliant report by August 1, 2020 will be subject to violations for each quarter they have been non-compliant.**

In addition, a new law, **LL33 of 2018 as amended by LL95 of 2019**, requires owners of buildings covered by the Benchmarking Law (LL84/2009, LL133/2016) to obtain and post an energy efficiency score and grade near each public entrance to the building. **The compliance begins in 2020 and is mandatory each calendar year thereafter.** The grade is assigned based on an energy efficiency score calculated through the benchmarking tool, Portfolio Manager. The grade and the score will be made available by the Department in the form of a Building Energy Efficiency Rating Label on **October 1** of each year. An owner must access the Building Energy Efficiency Rating Label thru the [DOB NOW Public Portal](#), download, print and display it annually **within 30 days** after October 1 in a conspicuous location near each public entrance to the building until October 1 of the following year.

Additional Guidance

- Owners of covered buildings are encouraged to visit the Department's [Benchmarking](#) page for further details.
- Review [Local Law 33 as amended by LL95 of 2019 Steps to Compliance, LL33 – Frequently Asked Questions](#).
- Assistance with benchmarking tasks are available via the NYC Sustainability Help Center, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm by emailing Help@NYCsustainability.org or by calling **(212) 566-5584**.

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