

XCEL ENERGY MAKES ENERGY BENCHMARKING EASY

INFORMATION SHEET



Energy benchmarking is the process of tracking energy consumed in existing buildings and comparing results over time to similar buildings or an applicable standard.

ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager® has emerged as the standard benchmarking tool for building owners and energy managers across the United States — and for good reason. According to an October 2012 EPA study, buildings using the ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager to track energy consumption had an average annual savings of 2.4% with a cumulative savings of 7.0% between 2008 and 2011.

Recognizing this trend, we've created a system that allows you to access meter data collected by Xcel Energy automatically in your Portfolio Manager account. While the service will work for any building type captured in Portfolio Manager, it will be especially helpful for multi-tenant buildings with multiple Xcel Energy customers, common in multi-family and leased commercial properties.

Benefits of energy benchmarking with Xcel Energy

- High quality energy data for all your buildings
- Real-time and historical energy usage tracking
- Helps you prioritize energy-efficiency projects
- Easier path to compliance
- Fulfill commitments to stakeholders

Get started benchmarking today

If you are an electric or natural gas business customer of Xcel Energy:

- Visit xcelenergy.com/EnergyBenchmarking
- Download our navigation guide to set up an account
- Follow our step-by-step guide to get access to the Portfolio Manager.

Turn benchmarking knowledge into savings

Our energy advisors will provide free assistance with analyzing your benchmarking data and developing the best energy-saving strategy for your business.



With access to our benchmarking data services at their fingertips,

Xcel Energy's commercial customers and municipalities will be able to compare, manage and monitor energy usage as regularly as they need. This data will be particularly useful for managing multi-tenant buildings or planning and prioritizing energy projects in new or existing buildings.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS****Account setup**

Q. I work for an energy services firm — can I obtain data for buildings even though I'm not the owner?

A. Yes, provided the building owner has authorized you to receive data on their behalf. Use Xcel Energy approved authorization forms at: xcelenergy.com/Billing_&_Payment/Customer_Data_&_Privacy/Customer_Energy_Usage_Data_Release_Forms

Q. I'm not set up in Portfolio Manager yet — how do I do that?

A. Our user guide contains steps for quick setup, but the EPA developed a benchmarking starter kit exactly for this purpose

Q. When connecting with Xcel Energy's web services account in Portfolio Manager, it asks me for an "XE Portal Username"— what is that?

A. This is the email address you used when you signed up in the Xcel Energy benchmarking portal. It allows us to ensure that the same entity making the request is the one in our records.

Energy data transfer

Q. In Portfolio Manager, where will the usage go?

A. Under the meters tab for each property, you will see a list of all the meters you have set up for your property. Click the ones you have shared with Xcel Energy and you will find the usage we sent over.



Contact your account manager directly or call an energy efficiency specialist at **855.839.8862** to learn more about audits, studies and money-saving rebates.

