



MARIN COUNTY GREEN BUILDING GUIDE MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL: NEW CONSTRUCTION

These green building standards have been established to ensure that new multifamily units built in Marin County are healthy for occupants, have limited impact on the environment, reduce demand for energy, and save the homeowner and residents money in the long run. This guide is intended to help applicants understand the green building requirements that apply to their project and what documentation is necessary to comply with these standards.

GREEN BUILDING PROJECT TIMELINE

- 1 PROJECT DESIGN**

It is important for project owners, architects, engineers, and designers to understand the applicable state and local green building requirements prior to project design. Early consideration of these standards allows for design of buildings and systems that are compliant, energy efficient, and cost effective. Marin's multifamily green building standards are different depending on the number of stories, and multiple compliance methods are available to ensure flexibility for applicants.
- 2 PLANNING APPLICATION (IF REQUIRED)**

If your project is subject to planning review, be prepared to identify in your planning application what compliance methods you've selected and how you plan to meet the requirements. If you anticipate difficulties meeting the requirements outlined in the Green Building Checklist, these concerns and any requests for exemptions should be identified in your planning application.
- 3 INITIAL BUILDING PERMIT SUBMITAL**

Include the Green Building Checklist, CALGreen Checklist, and Title 24 Part 6 Energy calculations with building plans. Incorporate selected measures on a separate, full-sized plan sheet, and include it with building plans.
- 4 FINAL INSPECTION**

When the project is completed, submit final documentation, including a letter from the CALGreen Inspector attesting to the accuracy of the assessment, with the final permit materials to the building department to have the green building hold lifted.

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STEP 1: FOR ALL PROJECTS, SELECT ONE GREEN BUILDING REQUIREMENT

COMPLIANCE METHOD:	REQUIREMENT:	FIELD VERIFIER:
<input type="checkbox"/> CALGREEN TIER 1	Develop the proposed project to CALGreen Tier 1	CALGreen Inspector
<input type="checkbox"/> GREEN POINT RATED	Achieve Silver Certification Level	Green Point Rater
<input type="checkbox"/> LEED FOR HOMES	Achieve LEED for Homes and Multifamily Lowrise Silver	LEED AP

STEP 2A (FOR PROJECTS 3 STORIES OR LESS): SELECT ONE ENERGY EFFICIENCY METHOD¹

COMPLIANCE METHOD:	REQUIREMENT:	FIELD VERIFIER:
<input type="checkbox"/> PROJECT WITHOUT SOLAR	If a photovoltaic system is not installed, demonstrate ² that the energy use of the proposed home is 10% more efficient than the 2016 State Energy Code.	HERS Rater, where verification is required ³
<input type="checkbox"/> PROJECT WITH SOLAR	If a photovoltaic system is installed, demonstrate ² that the energy use of the proposed home is 15% more efficient than the 2016 State Energy Code.	
<input type="checkbox"/> ALL-ELECTRIC	Demonstrate that the proposed project will be all electric ⁴	

STEP 2B (FOR PROJECTS 4 STORIES OR MORE): SELECT ONE ENERGY EFFICIENCY METHOD²

COMPLIANCE METHOD:	REQUIREMENT:	FIELD VERIFIER:
<input type="checkbox"/> CALGREEN TIER 1	Demonstrate ² that the energy use of the proposed building is 10% more efficient than the 2016 State Energy Code.	HERS Rater, where verification is required ³
<input type="checkbox"/> ALL-ELECTRIC	Develop all units to be all-electric. ⁴	

STEP 3: FOR ALL PROJECTS, ACHIEVE ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) READINESS REQUIREMENT

COMPLIANCE METHOD:	REQUIREMENT:	FIELD VERIFIER:
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING OR MODIFYING ⁵ >10 ON-SITE PARKING SPACES	Build 10% of parking spaces to be EV Ready ⁶ Build 10% of parking spaces to be EV Capable ⁷	Verifier from Step 1
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING OR MODIFYING ⁶ 2-10 ON-SITE PARKING SPACES	Build 2 parking spaces to be EV Ready ⁷	

¹ All new multifamily buildings must comply with mandatory elements of Title 24, Part 6 (California Energy Code)

² Energy savings for multifamily projects 3 stories or less are demonstrated via a Registered Certificate of Compliance (CFIR-PRF)

³ HERS Verification requirements are summarized in Residential Appendix RA2, published by the California Energy Commission.

⁴ Construction considered 'all-electric' if electricity is the only permanent source of energy for water-heating, space-heating, space cooling, cooking and clothes-drying.

⁵ Modified parking lot shall be those for which paving material and curbing is removed and the resulting lot is reconfigured.

⁶ EV Ready means the space is prewired - everything except for the charger is installed.

⁷ EV Capable means that there is electrical capacity for additional chargers and inaccessible conduit is installed.