Green Building Registry FAQ

What is Earth Advantage?

Earth Advantage® is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit focused on helping to create an informed and humane residential real estate marketplace that: Acknowledges both the climate impacts of housing and the impact climate has on housing; Provides all homebuyers and renters with access to sustainability-related information about a home; Supports equitable housing outcomes, protecting those most vulnerable from the effects of climate change, and; Recognizes both the personal and societal value that climate-friendly housing creates. Earth Advantage's team is located across five states with a headquarters in downtown Portland, Oregon in the PAE Living Building. The organization's commitment to carbon reduction strategies is demonstrated by the 17,000+ individuals who have participated in Earth Advantage training, the approximately 4,000 high-performance residential units certified each year by our green building team, the 30,000+ homes with a verified Home Energy Score, and the over 2 million homes contained in our Green Building Registry.

How come a property I know has a third-party certification/rating isn't showing up in GBR?

There are several reasons to consider. Unrecognized address - GBR uses the USPS standard address format and if an address from a program doesn't match or it has not yet been officially recorded, it won't be accepted into GBR. It could also be that we don't yet receive data from that program, or in that part of the country. It could also be that data isn't available for that timeframe. See below for a matrix of historic data availability by program.

A property has a Home Energy Score but I can't find it in GBR.

Each HES program has its own administrators throughout the country. GBR is working to establish data relationships with all of them, however some may not yet be providing data to GBR.

If a home received a rating/score and then made improvements and has a new rating/score, what will I see in GBR?

GBR displays data on the most recent information provided by the program administrators. As long as we have received the new rating/score, that is what will be displayed in GBR.

I searched for a property but the HES shows as Private, what does this mean?

Program administrators and GBR respect homeowner privacy settings. If a homeowner does not wish for their score/rating to be publicly displayed, 'Private' will be noted. The homeowner can modify this setting by emailing a request to the email address noted on that record.

Why is the Green Appraisal Addendum not populated with information?

If a property record is indicated as ‘Private’ then that data is not publicly available and therefore not populated on this document.

What data is available on the Green Building Registry?

GBR Green Building Registry®

DATA SOURCES & TYPES

PROGRAM	HISTORICAL TO	RESIDENTIAL	MULTIFAMILY	COMMERCIAL	UPDATE FREQUENCY
Built Green - Central Washington	2008 - Feb ‘21	X			Not Currently Updating
Built Green - Western Washington	2011	X	X		Monthly
Earth Advantage Home Certification	2008	X			Monthly
EarthCraft	2007	X			Monthly
ENERGY STAR Certified Building	1999		X	X	Weekly
ENERGY STAR Certified New Construction	2011	X	X		Monthly
EPS	2014	X			Real-Time
Florida Green Building Coalition	2001	X	X	X	Annual
Florida Water Star	2006	X	X		Monthly
Green Built Homes	2005	X	X		Monthly
GreenPoint Rated	2012	X			Monthly
GreenPoint Rated - Multifamily	2021		X		Monthly
GreenStar Homes Certification	2009	X	X		As Available
HERS	Mid - 2012	X	X		Monthly
Home Energy Score	Varies by Geography	X			Real - Time/Monthly
LEED (Commercial)	2004			X	Monthly
LEED for Homes	2009	X			Monthly
LEED for Homes - Multifamily	2012		X		Monthly
Missouri Home Energy Certification	2011	X			Monthly
NGBS (Nat’l Green Building Standard)	2016 - May ‘21	X			Not Currently Updating
Pearl Certification (State of MO only)	2022	X			As Available
Renewables	Varies by Geography	X			Real - Time/Monthly
Time of Sale Energy Score	2020	X			Daily