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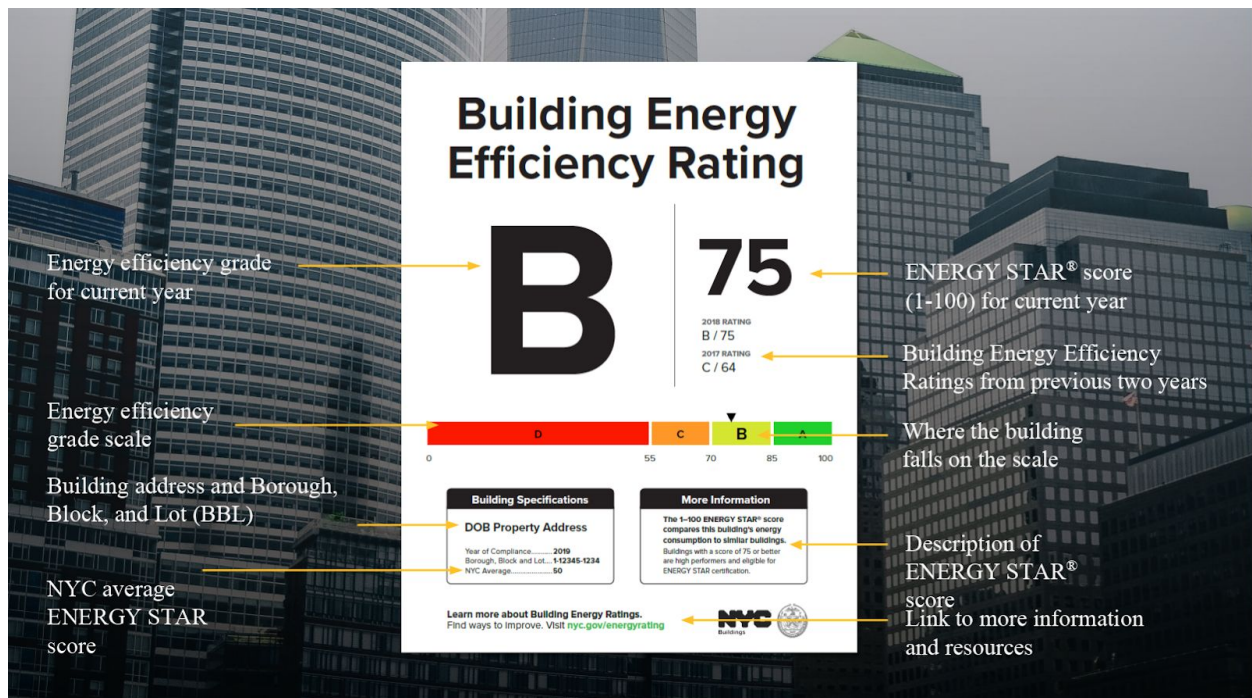
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RE: BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY RATING LABELS

Energy usage in buildings accounts for nearly seventy percent of greenhouse gas emissions in New York City. Under [Local Law 33](#), buildings 25,000 square feet and larger are required to obtain the **Building Energy Efficiency Rating** labels and display them near public entrances by October 31 of each year.

The Building Energy Efficiency Rating label gives the public insight into your building's energy use through a rating system that includes the A-D letter grade and a 1–100 ENERGY STAR® score.

Here is a sample **Building Energy Efficiency Rating** label:



## Understanding the Rating System

The Building Energy Efficiency Rating can be used to evaluate energy consumption, overall comfort, and energy costs. The letter grade correlates with the buildings' annual [ENERGY STAR® score](#) assigned by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's benchmarking tool.

**A:** Score is equal to or greater than 85

**B:** Score is equal to or greater than 70 but less than 85

**C:** Score is equal to or greater than 55 but less than 70

**D:** Score is less than 55

**F:** Building did not submit the required benchmarking information

**N:** Building exempted from benchmarking or not covered by the ENERGY STAR® program

By improving your [Building Energy Efficiency Rating](#) over time, you demonstrate a commitment to addressing climate change, while taking active measures that can lower your operating costs and improve resident comfort.

## What you can do to improve your building's energy efficiency

Check out energy saving incentives for renters, homeowners, commercial tenants, and small businesses from your local utility providers [Con Edison](#) and [National Grid](#).

Take action at home, at work, and on the go with tips from [GreeNYC](#).

Use the [Multifamily Buildings](#), [Supportive Housing](#), [Commercial Buildings](#), or [Small Businesses](#) toolkits to organize your neighbors or co-workers around sustainability initiatives in your home or workplace.