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W	WATER DEFINITIONS IN BUILDING				
1	DRINKING WATER	Potable Water	Municipal supply of tap water		
2	GREY WATER	Grey Water	WC Toilet Sink, Washing Machine, Showers		
3	BLACK WATER	Black Water	Dishwasher, Toilets, Kitchen Sink, Cooling Tower Water		
4	COOLING TOWER WATER	Cooling Tower Water	Water used for heat dissipation in the cooling tower		
5	RAINWATER	Rainwater	Water collected from rain		
6	IRRIGATION WATER	Irrigation Water	Water used for watering landscape plants		
7	RECLAIMED WATER	Reclaimed Water	Water provided by municipalities or supplied by recycling systems that is not potable		
8	PROCESS WATER	Process Water	Water used in production or appliances		

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WE PREREQUISITE 1: REDUCTION OF OUTDOOR WATER USE

PURPOSE

Water is one of the most important natural resources. The aim is to reduce the amount of water used outside the building.

In landscape irrigation, the use of potable water, natural resources, and surface flow water must be limited through one of the following methods, or its use must be eliminated.

Unvegetated areas, such as permeable or impermeable coverings, should be excluded from landscape area calculations.

Athletic fields, children's play areas (if they have been landscaped), and agricultural product gardens may be included in calculations at the initiative of the project team.



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REQUIREMENTS

Option 1: Not irrigating.

Demonstrating that the landscape requires no water at all and not performing continuous irrigation in landscape irrigation, only allowing a maximum of 2 years of irrigation. Or

Option 2: Reducing Irrigation

Reducing the water consumption of the landscape irrigation water needs of the project by at least 30% based on the calculated baseline water consumption values (should be based on the month with the highest water demand).

This goal can be achieved through selected plant species and efficient irrigation systems.

In both options, alternative water sources are not considered.

Calculations are made according to the EPA-Water Sense Budget Tool.





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STRATEGIES AND APPLICATIONS

- Preparation of soil analysis
- Selection of suitable plant species
- Effective and efficient irrigation systems (such as drip irrigation)
- Using plants that require little or no water can be expressed as some strategies.
- Using dry grass and bark for trees, shrubs, and flower beds (mulching)
- Rainwater harvesting (in reservoirs, underground tanks, or open pools)
- Treatment and use of wastewater
- Micro irrigation systems, use of moisture sensors
- Implementation of systems to stop irrigation during rain
- Air-based evaporation controls and
- The use of drip irrigation systems are some of the strategies.



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WE PREREQUISITE 1: REDUCTION OF OUTDOOR WATER USE

NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Documents	Option 1	Option 2
Site plan showing planted areas	✓	
Summary report showing plant species and irrigation needs	✓	
"Site Plan" showing the locations and sizes of landscaping areas		\checkmark
Water Budget Tool Report		\checkmark
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WE PREREQUISITE 1: REDUCTION OF EXTERIOR WATER USE

REFERENCE STANDARDS

- EPA Water Sense Budget Tool
- LEED V4 Guide

DIFFERENCES FROM LEED v3 2009

- This topic was previously a credit title, but in V4 it has become a prerequisite.
- The 'Water-Sensitive Water Calculation Method' belonging to the EPA has been adopted as the new reference calculation method for the LEED prerequisite Water Sense Budget Tool.



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WE PREREQUISITE 2: REDUCTION OF INDOOR WATER USE

OBJECTIVE

- Water is one of the most important natural resources. The primary goal is to reduce water usage within buildings and increase water efficiency to reduce the load on the city water supply network and wastewater system.
- In the next screen, for the sinks and fixtures (faucets) listed in the Table, it should be ensured that the total water consumption is reduced by 20% compared to the baseline consumption values, to the extent that it can be adapted to the project's scope and content.
- The baseline calculations on which the consumption values are based are summarized in Table 1 below.
- The 20% savings threshold should be achieved without using alternative water sources.



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WE PREREQUISITE 2: REDUCTION OF INDOOR WATER USE

Table 1: Basic Water Consumption Values for Sinks and Fixtures

REQUIREMENTS

All new toilets, urinals, lavatory faucets, and showerheads in the building must be products that are adjustment-compatible and must have the WATERSENSE label.

The mentioned products must comply with a local equivalent standard for projects outside the United States.

Existing Baseline Consumption Values (IP Units)	Existing Baseline Consumption Values (SI units)
1.6 gallons (6 lt) per flush (gpf)	6 liters per flush (lpf)
1.0 (4 lt) (gpf)	3.8 lpf
0.5 gpm at 60 psi** excluding specialized applications in all other sinks	1.9 lpm at 415 kPa, excluding specialized applications in all other sinks
2.2 gpm (8.3 lt) at 60 psi	8.3 lpm at 415 kPa
2.2 gpm at 60 psi	8.3 lpm at 415 kPa
2.5 gpm at 80 psi per each shower activation	9.5 lpm at 550 kPa per each shower activation
psi = pounds per square ind Ipm = liters per minute kPa	ch lpf = liters per flush = kilopascals
	Existing Baseline Consumption Values (IP Units) 1.6 gallons (6 lt) per flush (gpf) 1.0 (4 lt) (gpf) 0.5 gpm at 60 psi** excluding specialized applications in all other sinks 2.2 gpm (8.3 lt) at 60 psi 2.2 gpm at 60 psi 2.5 gpm at 80 psi per each shower activation psi = pounds per square inte Ipm = liters per minute kPa

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WE PREREQUISITE 2: REDUCTION OF INDOOR WATER USE

REQUIREMENTS

Table 2: Standards for Accessories

Use of Accessories and Process Water:	Accessory	Standard
All accessories and equipment necessary	Residential Washing Machines	ENERGY STAR or performance equivalent
within the project must comply with the	Commercial Washing Machines	CEE Tier 3A
standards listed in the table. In addition to energy efficiency, ENERGY STAR also evaluates water efficiency.	Residential Dishwashers (standard and compact)	ENERGY STAR or performance equivalent
	Pre-wash spray type faucet heads	≤ 1.3 gpm (4.9 lpm)
	Ice Machines	ENERGY STAR or performance equivalent and use of air- cooled or closed-loop cooling system (e.g. freezer or condensing systems)
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REQUIREMENTS

Table 3: Standards for Process Waters

Standards for Process Water Usage: All process waters included in the project must comply with the standards listed in the table.

Process	Standard
Cooling	All equipment and accessories rejecting heat should not use drinking water for cooling.
	The following Equipment Must Be Included in the Project
Cooling Towers and	Makeup water meters
	Conductivity controllers and overflow alarms
Steam Condensers	Efficient drift eliminators are used to reduce the circulating water volume for counterflow towers to a maximum of 0.002% and the circulating water flow for crossflow towers to a maximum of 0.005%.
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WE PREREQUISITE 2: REDUCTION OF WATER USAGE IN THE BUILDING

REQUIREMENTS

Table 4: Water Consumption of Devices Used in the Building

For Hospital, School, Retail and Hotel		Kitchen Equipment		Requirement (SI units)
Projects;		Under-counter	≤ 1.6 gal/shelf	≤ 6.0 liters/shelf
In addition to the		Single tank, door	≤ 1.4 gal/shelf	≤ 5.3 liters/shelf
above, devices, equipment, and	Dishwashers	Single tank, conveyor	≤ 1.0 gal/shelf	≤ 3.8 liters/shelf
processes that consume water in the building shall meet the requirements listed in Tables 4 and 5.		Multiple tank, conveyor	≤ 0.9 gal/shelf	≤ 3.4 liters/shelf
		Automatic washing machine (flight machine)	≤ 180 gal/hour	≤ 680 liters/hour
	Steam Cookers Combination	Single piece (non-drain connection)	≤ 6 gal/hour/pan	≤ 23 liters/hour/pan
		Cook-to-order (a la carte - drain connected)	≤ 10 gal/hour/pan	≤ 38 liters/hour/pan
		Under-counter or standalone	≤ 3.5 gal/hour/pan	≤ 13 liters/hour/pan
	Ovens	Standalone large oven	≤ 3.5 gal/hour/pan	≤ 13 liters/hour/pan
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WE PREREQUISITE 2: REDUCTION OF WATER USE INSIDE THE BUILDING

REQUIREMENTS

Table 5: Standards and Procedures

- Device Water Use Standards:
- In addition to the above, devices, equipment, and processes consuming water in the building must meet the requirements listed in Tables 4 and 5.
- It is recommended that all projects implement the following strategies:
- Flow stabilizers
- Flow sensors
- Automatic faucet sensors and timed products
- Low water consumption products and tanks
- Efficient toilet systems
- Products that do not use water

Procedure	Requirement
Discharge water temperature adjustment	Where local requirements limit the drainage temperature of liquids to the drainage system, use a temperature control device that operates only when the device discharges hot water. Or, Use a heat exchange device that cools the drained water below the maximum discharge temperature set by regulations while simultaneously preheating the incoming feed water. Or, If the fluid is condensate, return it to the boiler.
Venturi type flow vacuum generators or aspirators	Do not use any device that discharges water through the device and thereby creates a vacuum.

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WE PREREQUISITE 2: REDUCTION OF IN-BUILDING WATER USE

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Desurrente	All Projects		Projects Using	Only Core Shell
Documents	Traditional	Usage-Based Calculation	Water	Projects
Product Catalogs and Manufacturer Information	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
In-Building Water Consumption Calculator		\checkmark		
Tenant Lease Agreement				\checkmark
Tenant Job Description Summary				\checkmark
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WE PREREQUISITE 2: REDUCTION OF WATER USE IN BUILDINGS

REFERENCE STANDARDS

- The Energy Policy ACT (EPAct) of 1992
- The Energy Policy ACT (EPAct) of 2005
- International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials Publication IAPMO
- American National Standards Institute UPC 1-2006
- ANSI UPC 1-2006 Uniform Plumbing Code 2006 Section 402.0 Water Conserving Fixtures and Fittings
- International Code Council, International Plumbing Code 2006, Section 604, Design of Water Distribution Systems
- ENERGY STAR
- Consortium for Energy Efficiency
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WE PREREQUISITE 2: REDUCTION OF INDOOR WATER USE

DIFFERENCES FROM LEED v3 2009

- In addition to cooling towers and steam condensers, it also includes the requirements for water-using accessories and processes.
- WaterSense label requirements were recommended in LEED v3. These requirements have now become mandatory for projects in the U.S. and abroad with equivalent regulations.
- Automatic sensor fixtures have been removed from the base fixture list. Studies related to this topic have shown that automatic control fixtures do not actually save water due to reasons such as continuing to operate after the hand is withdrawn or not activating immediately when the hand is first extended.
- The use of alternative water sources instead of potable water is not allowed to fulfill prerequisite requirements. However, the use of alternative water sources in related credit categories may earn points.



WE PREREQUISITE 2: REDUCTION OF WATER USE INSIDE BUILDINGS

v4.1 CHANGES

- Where standard pressure values differ from the LEED baseline pressure values, the flow rates of fixtures are calculated based on standard pressure values. The pressure values used for comparison of flow rates should be the same in both the baseline building and the actual project.
- Existing appliances that are reused in the project are exempt from the requirements listed in Table 2.
- In projects located in Europe, the EU A+++ label is accepted instead of the Energy Star label for washing and dishwashing machines.



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WE PREREQUISITE 3: WATER MEASUREMENT AT THE BUILDING LEVEL

PURPOSE



WE PREREQUISITE 3: WATER MEASUREMENT AT BUILDING LEVEL

REQUIREMENTS

Permanent water meters must be installed to measure the total amount of drinking water consumed in the building and in the open areas of the garden.

Meters should be read manually or automatically, and the meter values must be archived in monthly and yearly summary tables.

It is also pledged that all water consumption values and invoices will be submitted to USGBC for a period of 5 years after the building obtains the LEED Certification or after residents move into the building (whichever comes first).

This commitment must continue for 5 years or until the building changes hands or is rented to another person.



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WE PREREQUISITE 3: WATER MEASUREMENT AT THE BUILDING LEVEL

STEPS

- Step 1: Define the final uses of all drinkable water.
- Step 2: If applicable, determine the scope of general water supply measurement.
- Step 3: Identify the number, location, and type of all meters.
- Step 4: Monitor water consumption.
- Step 5: Share water consumption data with USGBC.



WE PREREQUISITE 3: BUILDING-LEVEL WATER METERING

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Documents	All Projects
Meter Measurements and Notifications	\checkmark
Commitment to Sharing	\checkmark

DIFFERENCES FROM LEED v3 2009

This is a new prerequisite.

All ongoing and reported contents were required under the Minimum Program Requirements 6 was requested for all projects in LEED V3 2009. Building-Level Water Metering Template: https://www.usgbc.org/resources/building-levelwater-metering-template

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WE CREDIT 1: REDUCING EXTERIOR WATER USE

OBJECTIVE

The aim is to reduce the amount of water used outside the building.

The use of potable water, natural resources, and surface runoff water in landscape irrigation should be limited or eliminated using one of the following methods.

Unplanted areas, for example, permeable or impermeable coverings should be excluded from landscape area calculations.

Athletic fields, children's play areas (if they are greened), and agricultural product gardens may be included in the calculations at the initiative of the project team.



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WE CREDIT 1: REDUCTION OF OUTDOOR WATER USE

REQUIREMENTS

Option 1: Not using drinking water or not irrigating. 2 points for all projects, 1 point for hospitals. Demonstrating that the landscape does not need water at all and not having continuous watering in

water at all and not having continuous watering in landscape irrigation, with watering done only for a maximum of 2 years.



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WE CREDIT 1: REDUCTION OF EXTERNAL WATER USE

REQUIREMENTS

- Option 2: Reduction of Irrigation: For off-site projects 1-2 points, for Hospitals 1 point.
- The project's landscape irrigation water requirement must be reduced by at least 50% from the calculated baseline water consumption values (should be based on the month with the highest water demand).
- This goal can be achieved through selected plant species and efficient irrigation systems.
- Calculations are made according to the EPA Water Sense Budget Tool.
- Savings figures above 30% can be achieved by using one or more of the methods of efficiency, alternative water sources, and smart irrigation technologies.



WE CREDIT 1: REDUCTION OF OUTDOOR WATER USE

STRATEGIES

- Using dry grass and bark for trees, shrubs, and flower beds
- Collecting rainwater (in reservoirs, underground storage, open pools...)
- Wastewater treatment
- Micro irrigation systems, moisture sensors,
- Rain shut-off systems for irrigation,
- Air-based evaporation controls,
- Implementing drip irrigation



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WE CREDIT 1: REDUCTION OF EXTERIOR WATER USAGE

SCORES

Reduction in Base Usage Values %	Points (Outside Hospital)	Points (Hospital)
50%	1	1
100%	2	

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Documents	Option 1	Option 2
Site plan showing vegetated areas	\checkmark	
Summary report showing plant species and irrigation needs	\checkmark	
Site Plan showing landscape areas and their sizes		\checkmark
Water Budget Tool Report		\checkmark
Alternative Water Sources and Control Accounts		✓
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WE CREDIT 1: REDUCTION OF EXTERNAL WATER USAGE

V4.1 CHANGES

- The maximum score that can be obtained in Core & Shell buildings has been increased from 2 to 3. A 75% water savings threshold has been added.
- The scoring table for Core & Shell Buildings is as follows:

Decrease from Base Usage Values %	Scores (Core & Shell)
50%	1
75%	2
100%	3

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WE CREDIT 2: REDUCTION OF WATER USE WITHIN BUILDINGS

PURPOSE

Water is one of the most important natural resources. The main goal is to increase water efficiency to reduce water consumption within buildings and the load on the city's water network and wastewater system.

For the sinks and fixtures (taps) listed in Table 1, the total water consumption should be reduced by at least 25% compared to baseline consumption values, to the extent that it can be adapted to the scope and content of the project. The baseline calculations are summarized in the table below based on which consumption values they have been made.



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WE CREDIT 2: REDUCTION OF INDOOR WATER USE

OBJECTIVE

The main objective is to increase water efficiency to reduce water consumption inside the building and alleviate the burden on the city's water supply network and wastewater system.

It is necessary to raise the baseline water consumption values stated in the WE (Water Efficiency) Precondition by selecting watersaving fixtures and accessories to even higher thresholds/values.

Additional/extra drinking water savings beyond the savings values specified in the precondition can be achieved through the use of alternative water sources.



WE CREDIT 2: REDUCTION OF WATER USAGE WITHIN BUILDINGS

REQUIREMENTS

Table 1: Basic Water Consumption Values for Sinks and Fixtures

All newly built toilets, urinals, special sink	Commercial Sinks, Faucets, and Accessories	Current Base Consumption Values (IP Units)	Current Base Consumption Values (SI units)
faucets, and showerheads must necessarily be from	Water Closets (toilets)*	1.6 gallons (6 lt) per flush (gpf)	6 liters per flush (lpf)
brands with the	Urinals*	1.0 (4 lt) (gpf)	3.8 lpf
WATERSENSE label that are adjustable. The mentioned products must comply with a local	Faucets for Commercial Sinks (toilets)	0.5 gpm at 60 psi** except for special applications in all other sinks	1.9 lpm at 415 kPa, except for special applications in all other sinks
equivalent standard for projects outside the USA.	Faucets for Special Sinks*	2.2 gpm (8.3 lt) at 60 psi	8.3 lpm at 415 kPa
	Kitchen Sinks (filling purposes sinks will not be included)	2.2 gpm at 60 psi	8.3 lpm at 415 kPa
	Showerheads*	2.5 gpm at 80 psi for each shower activation	9.5 lpm at 550 kPa for each shower activation
	* WaterSense label is available for these product types gpf = gallons per flush gpm = gallons per minute	psi = pounds per square ind lpm = liters per minute kPa =	h lpf = liters per flush = kilopascals
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WE CREDIT 2: REDUCTION OF WATER USAGE INSIDE BUILDINGS

REQUIREMENTS

Table 2: Requirements for Washing Machines

For schools, retail, hotels, and health facilities: If all requirements of one of Table 2, 3, 4, or 5 are met, 1 point is awarded (for buildings other than hotels), and if all requirements of two of them are met, 2 points can be obtained.

Washing Machine	Requirement
Must operate within the building, with a minimum capacity of 1,088 kg (2,400 lbs) per 8-hour shift	Maximum water consumption of 7 liters (1.8 gal/lbs) per 0.45 kg
Commercial Washing Machines	CEE Tier 3A

Note: To use Table 2, projects must have an annual laundry washing capacity of 57,606 kg (120,000 lb).

WE CREDIT 2: REDUCTION OF INDOOR WATER USE

REQUIREMENTS

Table 3: Requirements for Commercial Kitchen Equipment

Standards for		Kitchen Equipment	Requirement (IP units)	Requirement (SI units)
Commercial Kitchen		Under-counter	ENERGY STAR	ENERGY STAR or equivalent
Equipment		Single tank, door	ENERGY STAR	ENERGY STAR or equivalent
All commercial kitchen	Dishwashers	Single tank, conveyor	ENERGY STAR	ENERGY STAR or equivalent
within the project		Multiple tank, conveyor	ENERGY STAR	ENERGY STAR or equivalent
content must comply		Automatic washer (flight machine)	ENERGY STAR	ENERGY STAR or equivalent
with the standards listed	Charles Carling	Single piece (without drainage connection)	≤ 2 gal/hour/pan (including condensate water)	≤ 7.5 liters/hour/pan (including condensate water)
In the table.	Steam Cookers	Cook-to-order (a la carte) (with drainage connection)	≤ 5 gal/hour/pan (including condensate water)	≤ 19 liters/hour/pan (including condensate water)
capacity of serving 100	Combination Quan	Under-counter or stand-alone	≤ 1.5 gal/hour/pan (including condensate water)	≤ 5.7 liters/hour/pan (including condensate water)
meals daily to utilize	Combination Oven	Stand-alone large oven	≤ 1.5 gal/hour/pan (including condensate water)	≤ 5.7 liters/hour/pan (including condensate water)
Table 3.		Grinder	3-8 gpm, at full load, 10 minutes automatic shut off; or 1 gpm, no load	11-30 lt/min, at full load, 10 minutes automatic shut off; or 43.8 lt/min, no load
	Waste Grinder	Waste Collector	Maximum 2 gpm feed water	Maximum 7.6 lt/min feed water
		Pulp Producer	Maximum 2 gpm feed water	Maximum 7.6 lt/min feed water
		Strainer basket	No extra water use	No extra water use

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REQUIREMENTS

Table 4: Water Consumptions of Laboratory and Medical Devices

Standards for Water Use of Laboratory and Medical Devices: Only medical facilities and laboratories are subject to the requirements of Table 4.

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Device	Requirement (IP units)	Requirement (SI units)	
Reverse Osmosis Water Purifier	%75 recovery	%75 recovery	
Steam Sterilizer	≤ 6.3 gal/U.S. rack (60-inch sterilizer) ≤ 7.5 gal/U.S. rack (48-inch sterilizer)	≤ 28.5 lt/DIN rack (1520-mm sterilizer) ≤ 28.35 lt/DIN rack (1220-mm sterilizer)	
Sterile Process Washer	≤ 0.35 gal/U.S. rack	≤ 1.5 liter/DIN rack	
X-ray machine; 150 mm or larger	Film Processor Water Recovery Unit		
Digital Imager; all sizes	No water use		
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REQUIREMENTS

Municipal Steam Systems Condensate Water Standards: Projects connected to the municipal or central steam system but without steam return are subject to the requirements of Table 5.

Table 5: Municipal Steam Systems

Steam System	Requirement
Disposal of steam	Steam condensate provided by the municipality must be cooled to the
condensate	heat recovery system or recovered water
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Recovery and reuse of steam condensate	100% recovery and reuse
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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

	- ·	Accessories	Process Water
Documents	Faucets	Commercial, Hospita Proje	al, Hotel, and School ects
Alternative Water Source Calculations (If Applicable)	\checkmark		
Plumbing System Design Drawings (If Applicable)	\checkmark		
Alternative Water Summary Reports	\checkmark		
Product Catalogs and Manufacturer Information Forms	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Indoor Water Use Calculator	\checkmark		
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SCORES

			Points		
Water Savings Percentage	BD+C	Schools, Commerce, Hotels, Hospitals	ID&C	CI-Commercial Indoor Volumes	CI-Hotels
%25	1	1	2	2	2
%30	2	2	4	4	4
%35	3	3	6	6	6
%40	4	4	8	8	8
%45	5	5	10	10	10
%50	6		12		11
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REFERENCE STANDARDS

- The Energy Policy ACT (EPAct) of 1992
- The Energy Policy ACT (EPAct) of 2005
- International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials Publication IAPMO
- American National Standards Institute UPC 1-2006
- ANSI UP C1-2006 Uniform Plumbing Code 2006 Section 402.0 Water Conserving Fixtures and Fittings
- International Code Council, International Plumbing Code 2006, Section 604, Design of Water Distribution Systems
- ENERGY STAR
- Consortium for Energy Efficiency
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WE CREDIT 2: REDUCTION OF INDOOR WATER USE

DIFFERENCES FROM LEED v3 2009

- Savings in accessories and processing waters can earn additional points in the Retail, Hospital, Hotel, and School Certification systems.
- WaterSense requirements are recommended for LEED 2009. These requirements have now become mandatory in the US and abroad with equivalent regulations.
- Automatic sensor fixtures have been removed from the base fixture list. Studies on the subject have revealed that autocontrol fixtures do not actually save water due to reasons such as continuing to operate after the hand is withdrawn or not activating immediately when the hand is extended.
- To earn points, project teams must use fixtures that meet the desires and needs of building users. If there is no water-related activity within the project boundaries, the nearest restrooms to the project boundary must be included in the project and their calculations should be made. These public restrooms can be kept outside of calculations to meet the prerequisite requirements.



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WE CREDIT 2: REDUCING WATER CONSUMPTION INSIDE BUILDINGS

V4.1 CHANGES

 The maximum score that can be obtained in Core & Shell buildings has been reduced from 6 to 4. The 45% and 50% water savings thresholds have been removed.

The scoring table for Core & Shell Buildings is as follows:

Reduction in Base Usage Values %	Scores (Core & Shell)
25%	1
30%	2
35%	3
40%	4



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WE CREDIT 3: COOLING TOWER WATER USE

PURPOSE

Cooling towers are supplied with process water, The control of microbes,

The prevention of corrosion and the formation of residues within the device,

The aim is to use water efficiently.

The credit title addresses water efficiency in cooling towers and similar systems located in the building from a multidimensional perspective.



WE CREDIT 3: COOLING TOWERS WATER USAGE

STEPS

- Step 1: Conduct water analysis.
- Step 2: Calculate the concentration values of the determined parameters.
- Step 3: Determine the number of cooling water cycles.
- Step 4: Define the limiting cycle number.
- Step 5: Enhance system performance.
- Evaluate all processes together with the HVAC design firm.



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WE CREDIT 3: COOLING TOWER WATER USAGE

REQUIREMENTS

In cooling towers and evaporative condensers, a one-time analysis of the drinking water should be conducted to optimize the cycles in the cooling tower.

At least 5 of the parameters listed in the table next to this should be measured for control purposes.

To calculate the cycles of the cooling towers, the permitted maximum concentration level of each parameter must be divided by the measured amount of each parameter in the feed water. The cooling tower cycles are restricted to prevent any of these parameters from exceeding the required levels. Table 1. Maximum Densities of Parameters Found in Condenser Water

Parameters	Maximum Level
Ca (as CaCO3)	1000 ppm
Total alkalinity	1000 ppm
SiO2	100 ppm
Cl-	250 ppm
Conductivity	2000 µS/cm
ppm = parts per million μS/cm = microsiemens per centimeter	●ECOBUILI

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SCORES

Cooling Tower Cycles	Points
Maximum Cycle Numbers are achieved without exceeding any filtration level or affecting the operation of the condenser water system. (up to a maximum of 10 cycles)	1
By improving the condenser or make-up water, a minimum of 10 cycles is reached or the required number of cycles for 1 point is achieved and a minimum of 20% non- recycled potable water is used.	2

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS				
Documents	1 Point	2 Points		
Drinking Water Analysis Results	✓	\checkmark		
Drinking Water Analysis Summary Reports	✓	\checkmark		
Concentration Calculation Cycles	✓	\checkmark		
Gray Water Calculations		\checkmark		
Water Treatment Calculations		\checkmark		
Gray Water Analyses (If 100% gray water will be used)		~		
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WE CREDIT 3: COOLING TOWERS WATER USAGE

REFERENCES STANDARDS

- The Energy Policy ACT (EPAct) of 1992
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WE CREDIT 3: COOLING TOWER WATER USE

V4.1 CHANGES

The name of the credit has been changed to Cooling Tower and Process Water Use.

In addition to cooling towers, water savings used in mechanical processes have also been included in the scope of the credit.

The credit has been made available in 3 options. The scoring table and scope of Option 1 have been modified. Options 2 and 3 have been newly added.

Option 1: Cooling Tower Water Use

Cooling Tower Cycles	Points (Excluding C&S)	Points (Including C&S)
Maximum Cycle Numbers are achieved without exceeding any filtration level or affecting the operation of the water system condenser.	1	1
The maximum cycle number required for 1 point is reached, and the cycle count is increased by a minimum of 25% through improvements/maintenance in the condenser or operating water levels or systems. or The maximum cycle number required for 1 point is reached, and water that is not at least 20% recycled drinking water is used.	2	2
The maximum cycle number required for 1 point is reached, and the cycle count is increased by a minimum of 30% through improvements/maintenance in the condenser or operating water levels or systems. or The maximum cycle number required for 1 point is reached, and water that is not at least 30% recycled drinking water is used.		3

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WE CREDITS 3: COOLING TOWER WATER USAGE

V4.1 CHANGES

- Projects connected to the central cooling system can earn points if the cooling towers of the central system meet the requirements.
- Option 2: Not Using Cooling Towers
- If the baseline building defined in ASHRAE 90.1-2016 Appendix G Table G-3-1-1 is one of the systems with a cooling tower (system 7 or 8), and the project does not use a cooling tower, is not connected to a central cooling system, and does not use the latent heat generated from evaporative cooling in its mechanical system, then 2 points can be earned from this option.
- Option 3: Process Water Usage
- If at least 20% recycled water is used to meet the process water needs, 1 point can be earned, and if at least 30% recycled water is used, 2 points can be earned. The quality of the reclaimed water must be suitable for the intended use. In Core & Shell buildings, an additional 3 points can be earned if 40% recycled water is used.
- For Option 3, suitable process water usages should relate to items that account for at least 10% of the building's total water consumption. E.g.: Boilers, humidifiers, etc.

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WE CREDIT 4: WATER CONSUMPTION MEASUREMENT

OBJECTIVE

The main goal is to support water management by measuring water and to identify additional water conservation opportunities to reduce water consumption. Water measurement significantly helps in detecting leaks in the building.

Additionally, the water consumption figures over the lifetime of the building can adhere to the consumption figures from the first year during the design phase. This ensures continuity in projects.



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WE CREDIT 4: WATER CONSUMPTION MEASUREMENT

REQUIREMENTS

It is necessary to implement Permanent Water Measurement Devices (Water Meters) in two or more of the underwater systems listed below, to the extent permitted by the project:

Irrigation: It is required to measure the water consumption of 80% of the irrigated landscape area.

The percentage of irrigated landscape area = Total measured irrigated landscape area / total irrigated landscape area, calculated using the formula.

Drought-resistant landscape areas that do not require regular irrigation or areas with local plants can be kept outside of the calculation.

Indoor Plumbing Fixtures and Equipment: At least 80% of the water consumption of the Indoor Plumbing Fixtures and equipment defined in the WE Prerequisite should be measured. This measurement can be determined directly or can be found by subtracting the water consumption figures measured for all other water uses in the building and its garden.



WE CREDIT 4: WATER CONSUMPTION MEASUREMENT

REQUIREMENTS

Domestic Hot Water: At least 80% of the installed domestic hot water capacity must be measured for water consumption. Water tanks/reservoirs and demand-based heaters/thermosiphons are included in the measurement requirement.

Boilers: Boilers with an annual estimated water consumption of 378,500 liters (100,000 gallons) or more, or boilers with a capacity of more than 500,000 BtuH (150kW). A single meter can record the flow rates of multiple boilers.

Reclaimed Water: All recycled and reused water must be measured regardless of the quantity. To accurately measure the amount of recycled water, it is also mandatory to measure the reclaimed water that has a supplemental water connection.

Other Process Water: At least 80% of the estimated daily process water consumption must be measured. Examples of consumption include condensation/evaporation systems, dishwashers, washing machines, pools, and other subsystems using process water.



WE CREDIT 4: WATER CONSUMPTION MEASUREMENT

REQUIREMENTS

- Health projects must perform water measurement in addition to those specified in credit requirements at five additional tiers.
- Meters must be installed to monitor at least 5 of the following water usages from those available in the project:
- Purified water system (reverse osmosis and/or deionized waters)
- Backwash water for filters
- Water usage in the diet department
- Laundry water usage
- Laboratory water usage
- Water usage in the central sterilization and processing department

- Water usage in physio- and hydrotherapy treatment areas
- Water usage in operating rooms
- Feed water for closed-loop hydraulic systems (water heating/cooling systems)
- Cold feed water for domestic hot water systems



WE CREDIT 4: WATER CONSUMPTION MEASUREMENT

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Documents	All Projects	
Water Measurement Strategies Report	\checkmark	
Plans showing the locations of meters	\checkmark	
Brochures of the meters	\checkmark	



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HOW TO CALCULATE FTE ACCORDING TO APPENDIX 1? Table 2. Sample Calcul ins for Area per Or TABLE 1. Default Occupancy Numbers Gross square feet per occupant Gross square meters per occupant Employees Transients Employees Transients 50,000 550 20,000 225 General office 250 23 0 0 Retail, general 550 130 51 12 STEP 2 Calculate the FTE occu Retail or service (e.g., financial, auto) 600 130 56 12 acy and transient occupancy for each oc Aculate Inc. TE Occupants Commercial <u>550,000</u> <u>250</u> = 2,200 435 95 40 9 Restaurant 51 550 115 11 Grocery store 50,000 = 90.9, or 91 330 Medical office 225 21 31 R&D or laboratory 400 0 37 0 20,000 = 88.8, or 89 225 Warehouse, distribution 2,500 0 232 0 0 pants Warehouse, storage 20,000 1860 0 50,000 = 384.6, or 385 1,500 700 139 65 Hotel Educational, daycare 630 105 59 10 20,000 96 = 211 Educational, K-12 1,300 140 121 13 STEP 3 Add the FTE and transient occupants for each space to determine whole building occupancy 14 Educational, postsecondary 2,100 150 195 mmerciat 2,200 + 0 Continuous acces Retail spece: 91 Betaurant: 80 1 211 Total 2,380 + 596 2 2976

FTE Full-time Equivalent CALCULATION EXAMPLE Office Building Example In an office building of 2,800 m², there are 31 full-time employees and 18 part-time employees working 20 hours a week. How many people are there in total in this office building as FTE, i.e., full-time equivalent personnel? 1 FTE = A person working 8 hours a day. 31 employees working 8 hours a day 31 people x (8/8) = 31 FTE 18 employees working 20 hours a week / 4 hours a day 18 x (4/8)= 9 FTE Total FTE = 31 (full-time) + 9 (from part-time) = 40 FTE

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