

## How much energy do your apartment buildings use?

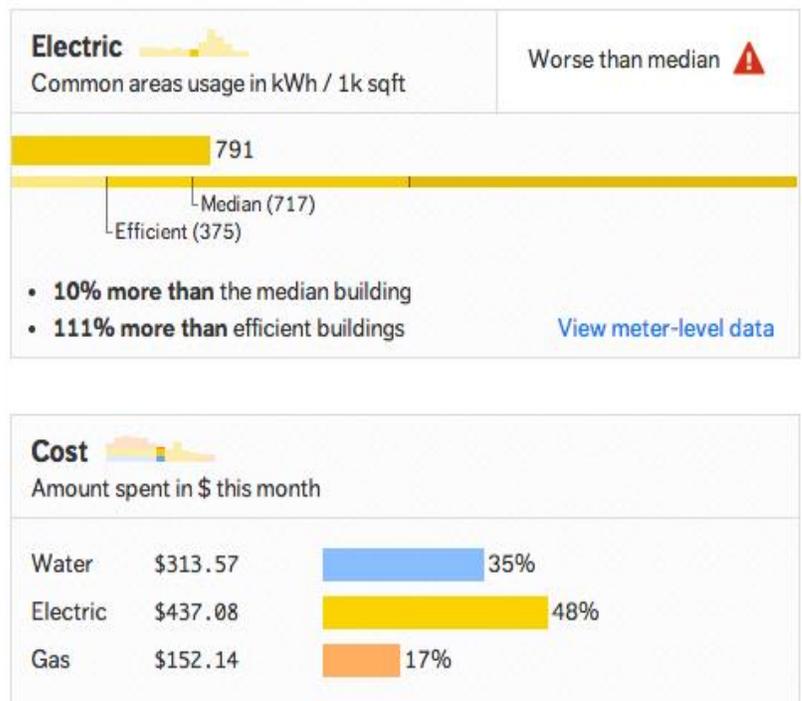
*Elevate Energy and New Ecology are offering to help you track and interpret your energy use for free!*

Managing your property or portfolio's energy costs can be complicated and time consuming. Elevate Energy and New Ecology utilize WegoWise to help you understand your energy use in three simple steps:

**Step 1:** You provide basic property and utility information.

**Step 2:** WegoWise enters the information into your free WegoWise account and automatically downloads your monthly energy use data directly from your utility.

**Step 3:** Elevate Energy and New Ecology help you understand the trends and patterns in your usage and take action to reduce energy costs.



Courtesy of WegoWise

**To qualify for this free offering, your affordable multifamily properties must:**

- Serve low/moderate income households (up to 80% Area Median Income)
- Be located in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Missouri, or Maryland
- Be master-metered for gas and/or electric or provide whole-building data
- Have at least five units, and at least one year of past utility records

***Sign up today by contacting Louise Sharrow at Elevate Energy:  
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# Frequently Asked Questions

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## **What is Energy Use Baselineing?**

Energy use baselineing is a simplified benchmarking of energy use (electric and/or gas, depending on utility configurations). It is a method of comparing and rating energy performance of a building against similarly situated buildings using building specifications and energy usage data directly from the utility.

## **Who can participate?**

Any owner/manager of an affordable multifamily property with 5+ units and master-metered heat and/or electric utility located in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Missouri, or Maryland.

## **Who are Elevate Energy and New Ecology, Inc. (NEI)?**

Elevate Energy is a Chicago-based non-profit that promotes smarter energy use for all. Our multifamily energy efficiency program helps multifamily building owners tame high utility costs with a practical approach to energy efficiency and water conservation. NEI is a Boston-based non-profit that promotes development solutions that deliver positive economic, environmental, and social returns by helping property owners integrate sustainable development into their ongoing work.

## **What is WegoWise?**

WegoWise is an online tool that can pull energy data from utilities and compare it to other buildings in your portfolio, or against similar buildings in their database of over 20,000 buildings nationwide. It analyzes your buildings' physical characteristics and utility usage to produce simple and informative visualizations that show you the energy performance of your property.

## **How much does it cost?**

Nothing! Participation includes a free one year WegoWise subscription with analysis and support from Elevate and NEI.

## **So, who enters all that utility data?**

No one, it's automatic! All you need to do is set up an online account with the utility (if you have not already), and provide that account login to WegoWise in order for them to connect it to your WegoWise account. From there, the WegoWise software will automatically pull in all the data from that utility system every month.

## **Why should building owners participate?**

Baselineing helps owners and managers track energy usage and cost, identify retrofit candidates, monitor retrofit savings, compare their buildings to relevant benchmarks and use that to set goals and target efforts effectively. Having energy use data makes it easy for service providers like Elevate and NEI or other partners to conduct more detailed audits and energy use analysis, leading to more targeted retrofit recommendations with cost estimates. Lowering energy costs results in increased cash flow for properties.

## **Why are Elevate and New Ecology, Inc. offering this service for free?**

Elevate, NEI, and our partners NRDC and NHT believe that baselineing buildings is the first step in engaging building owners around energy use and efficiency actions. Accurate baselineing provides informed estimates and makes it easier to recommend and implement appropriate retrofits and other efficiency actions. We strongly believe that energy efficiency is a win-win for all participants, providing costs savings and improved living conditions while positively impacting our climate and environment.