Inspect What You Expect

The Green Globes® certification system is the easiest-to-use and most cost-effective rating system for the third-party certification of Existing Buildings. The Green Globes Existing Building assessment is a benchmarking tool to help you inspect what you expect. Get a pulse on the actuals of your building’s performance and use that information to make educated changes or necessary updates.

Improving the sustainability of existing buildings is critical to forging a better built environment. At the Green Building Initiative™ (GBI), we realize it needs to be a manageable process that combines professional knowledge with proven science and offers education along the way. That’s why we created the Green Globes for Existing Buildings (EB) tool as a user-friendly, web-based application with options for attaining your building’s highest potential. Using the EB assessment process enables building teams to focus on sustainability and gives them choices when considering capital improvements or implementation of best practices.

Standards by which to benchmark your facility and rate the benefits of various building attributes

After your team completes a survey, Green Globes generates a report to help you evaluate opportunities to save energy, reduce environmental impacts, integrate corporate goals and practices, and lower maintenance. Once you choose features and practices that make sense and you’re ready for external evaluation, an expert third-party assessor visits your facility, provides guidance, recommends ways to streamline operations, and offers quality assurance throughout the process. This interactive approach provides the quickest and most affordable way to advance the sustainability of your existing building.
Environmental Assessment Areas

**Environmental Management:** EMS Documentation, Environmental Purchasing, Emergency Response, Tenant Awareness


**Water:** Consumption, Conservation Features, and Management

**Resources:** Facilities for Storing and Handling Recyclable Materials, Waste Reduction Work Plan, Site Pollution, Site Enhancement

**Emissions, Effluents & Pollution Controls:** Boiler Emissions, Refrigerants, Management of Ozone Depleting Refrigerants, Halons, Waste Water Effluents, Asbestos, Radon, PCBs, Storage Tanks, Health & Safety and Management of Hazardous Products.

**Indoor Environment:** Ventilation, Filtration Systems, Humidification System, Cooling Towers, Control of Pollutants at Source, IAQ Management, Lighting Features and Management, Noise

Rating and Certification Process

**Steps to Green Globes Certification:**

1. Create a GBI account and request an assessment quote.
2. Purchase assessment, complete Green Globes online evaluation.
3. Work with a Green Globes Assessor who will complete third-party assessments.
4. Receive a final report containing your Green Globes rating and certificate.
5. Order an optional plaque to demonstrate your achievement!