

STATUS	POLICY	POLICY AREA	POLICY CATEGORY	YEAR ENACTED
Residential Energy Codes				
 Enacted	<p>The statewide energy code for residential construction is the Vermont 2024 Residential Building Energy Standards.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential Building Energy Standards (2023) • Vermont State Energy Code (2019) 	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Codes	2023
Commercial Energy Codes				
 Enacted	<p>The statewide energy code for commercial building construction is the 2024 Commercial Building Energy Standards, with ASHRAE 90.1-2019 compliance options.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Building Energy Standards (2024) 	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Codes	2024
Stretch Building Energy Codes				
 Enacted	<p>The Vermont Residential Energy Building Standards (RBES) Stretch Code is a building energy code for residential buildings that achieves greater energy savings than the statewide RBES.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act 89 of 2013 (2013) • 30 V.S.A. § 51 (2020) • Vermont Residential Energy Building Standards (RBES) Stretch Code (2024) 	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Codes	2024

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Appliance Standards

The Energy Efficiency Standards for Appliances and Equipment apply to 23 products.



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Establishing Policies

- [9 V.S.A. chapter 74 \(2017\)](#)
- [Act 139 of 2018 \(2018\)](#)
- [Vermont Appliance Efficiency and Water Conservation Standards](#)

**Buildings
and
Efficiency**

**Building
Standards**

2018

Building Performance Standards

Building performance standards establish energy and/or greenhouse gas performance targets for existing buildings in a state. These targets increase in stringency over time, leading to efficiency improvements in buildings to conserve energy and reduce emissions.



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Clean Heat Standards

The Vermont Public Utility Commission submitted draft rules for a Clean Heat Standard to the Vermont General Assembly in January 2025, which now require approval by the legislature to move forward.

In the report, the PUC noted that, while feasible, a clean heat standard may not be well-suited for Vermont because of its regulatory complexity, and offered possible alternatives to lawmakers, including a fuel tax on heating fuels to subsidize existing thermal efficiency programs.

In-Progress

Buildings and Efficiency

Building Standards

2023

Establishing Policies

- **Act 18 (2023)**
- **PUC Report to the legislature with proposed rules (2025)**
- **Clean Heat Standard**

Energy Efficiency Resource Standards (EERS)

Electric utilities are required to achieve energy savings equivalent to 204,000 megawatt hours (MWh) for 2024-2026.

Gas utilities are required to achieve energy savings equivalent to 381,300 million British thermal units (MMBtu) for 2024-2026.

 Enacted




Buildings and Efficiency

Building Efficiency

2023

Establishing Policies

- **Act 56 (2015)**
- **22-2954-PET (2023)**
- **Efficiency Vermont 2024–2026 Triennial Plan**

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 Enacted	<p>Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)</p> <p>Vermont has enacted residential PACE-enabling legislation, but does not have an active program.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 446 (2009) 	<p>Buildings and Efficiency</p>	<p>Building Efficiency</p>	<p>2009</p>
<p>Partially Enacted</p>	<p>Weatherization Funding</p> <p>The State Policy Opportunity Tracker (SPOT) breaks clean energy policies down into “components”, which are binary questions to evaluate policy quality. Higher quality policies have more of their SPOT components fulfilled.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPOT - Weatherization Funding in Vermont <p>Policy Components</p>  <p>3/4</p>	<p>Buildings and Efficiency</p>	<p>Building Efficiency</p>	
 Not Enacted	<p>All-Electric Buildings</p> <p>All-electric buildings policies require new buildings to be constructed with all-electric heating, cooling, and cooking systems to transition away from fossil-fuel use in buildings.</p>	<p>Buildings and Efficiency</p>	<p>Building Electrification</p>	