

Section 8: Information on Sharing Utility Data with USGBC

Homeowners and tenants are more likely to use energy and water wisely by simply monitoring energy and water use on a regular basis. This can be done by reviewing and logging bills. To make this easier to manage, there are utility tracking providers such as Portfolio Manager <https://portfoliomanager.energystar.gov/> and ARC <http://www.gbci.org/press-kit-arc> that are good options and can enable sharing data with USGBC. If even greater detail about usage is desired, then an energy monitoring system that provides accurate, real-time usage data can help people understand how behavior, appliances, and lighting affect energy consumption. Metering water for irrigation separately from indoor water use enables occupants to control their water use and identify leaks.