



LEED BD+C: Core and Shell | v4 - LEED v4

Outdoor water use reduction

Required

Glossary

Intent

To reduce outdoor water consumption.

Requirements

Reduce outdoor water use through one of the following options. Nonvegetated surfaces, such as permeable or impermeable pavement, should be excluded from landscape area calculations. Athletic fields and playgrounds (if vegetated) and food gardens may be included or excluded at the project team's discretion.

Option 1. No irrigation required

Show that the landscape does not require a permanent irrigation system beyond a maximum two-year establishment period.

OR

Option 2. Reduced irrigation

Reduce the project's landscape water requirement by at least 30% from the calculated baseline for the site's peak watering month. Reductions must be achieved through plant species selection and irrigation system efficiency, as calculated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) WaterSense Water Budget Tool.