

Green Building Initiative's Green Globes® Certification System

Montgomery County, Maryland Requirements

The Green Building Initiative (GBI) is an environmental nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing climate impacts by improving the built environment. Green Globes® is a comprehensive building rating system that supports a wide range of project types through its New Construction, Existing Buildings, and Sustainable Interior systems.

Green Globes certification criteria encompasses 1,000 points and buildings must achieve a minimum of 35% of applicable points to achieve the first of four tiers of certification. Green Globes is developed through the American National Standard Institute's (ANSI) process as a third-party audited consensus standard.



35-54%

ONE GREEN GLOBES

Demonstrates a strong commitment to resource efficiency, reducing environmental impacts, and improving occupant wellness.



70-84%

THREE GREEN GLOBES

Demonstrates outstanding success in resource efficiency, reducing environmental impacts, and improving occupant wellness.



55-69%

TWO GREEN GLOBES

Demonstrates significant achievement in resource efficiency, reducing environmental impacts, and improving occupant wellness.



85-100%

FOUR GREEN GLOBES

Demonstrates world-class leadership in resource efficiency, reducing environmental impacts, and improving occupant wellness.

Basic Minimum Certification Level and Requirements for Montgomery County

To meet the minimum requirement for certification in Montgomery County, projects must achieve a minimum of Two Green Globes, thus demonstrating significant achievements in resource efficiency, reducing environmental impacts, and improving occupant wellness. Buildings achieving Two Green Globes must comply with a minimum of 55% of all applicable points in the Green Globes system. In addition, all projects that are Green Globes certified in Montgomery County must meet requirements identified by the county as part of its adoption of the IgCC 2018. The GBI/Green Globes checklist of criteria that are required in order to meet the county requirements can be found [here](#).

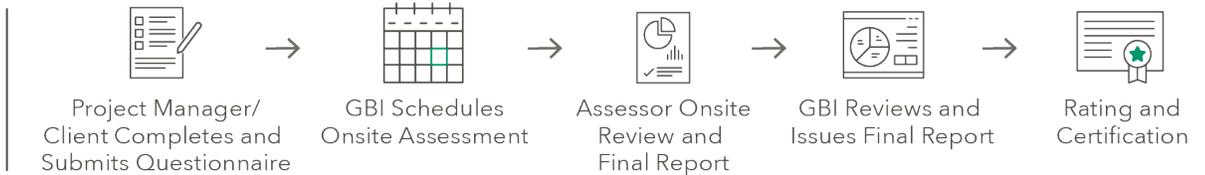
The Green Globes Montgomery County Criteria Checklist will also be shared with projects as they register, and with the third-party Green Globes Assessor (GGA) who will be charged with ensuring the project's compliance with the criteria as part of the certification process.

Upon registration of your project, you can add a limitless number of project collaborators, including Montgomery County staff, who will have access to the project and tracking the project's progress via the GBI software throughout the duration of your project's certification.

Steps to Certification with Green Globes in Montgomery County

1. First, go to thegbi.org, create a GBI account, and request an assessment quote.
2. Purchase assessment and complete the Green Globes online evaluation.
3. Work with a Green Globes Assessor who will complete third-party assessments and confirm compliance with Montgomery County requirements.
4. Receive a final report containing your Green Globes rating and certificate specific to Montgomery County.
5. Order an optional plaque to demonstrate your achievement!

Overview of Our Assessment Process



Tentative Timelines for Finalization After Onsite Assessment

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Order and pay for Green Globes NC online questionnaire	Design and construction documents	Complete Green Globes NC Questionnaire	Report prepared, reviewed, approved and issued to client	Construction finished and Final Assessment questionnaire completed	Onsite Assessment scheduled and completed	Report prepared, reviewed, approved and issued to client	Recognition order and delivery
PROCESS BEGINS	DESIGN TIME	1-2 WEEKS	3-4 WEEKS	CONSTRUCTION TIME- 1 WEEK	4-6 WEEKS	3-4 WEEKS	4-6 WEEKS

4-6 MONTHS, EXCLUDING DESIGN + CONSTRUCTION TIME

EXISTING BUILDINGS

Order and pay for Green Globes EB online evaluation and assessment	Complete Green Globes EB Questionnaire	EB assessment scheduled and completed	Report prepared, reviewed, approved and issued to client	Recognition order and delivery
PROCESS BEGINS 1-2 WEEKS	1-2 WEEKS	4-6 WEEKS	3-4 WEEKS	4-6 WEEKS

3-5 MONTHS

Other questions? We have answers.

GBI's Customer Service team is available to answer any questions you have. You can reach out directly to staff by using the live chat function on GBI's website, thegbi.org.

After you certify with Green Globes, Montgomery County project teams will receive:

- Final Assessment Report
- Certification of Completion specific to Montgomery County and its compliance requirements

Additionally, expedited certification is available for projects that can be completed within 30-45 days from project registration. GBI staff can help projects determine whether they can qualify for expedited certification.