



Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

Revision: After three years of development & six public comment periods, USGBC members have approved the LEED v4 Revision. New language below:

129 ENHANCED COMBUSTION VENTING (Wood Burning Fireplaces)

Requirements (LEED points)

Option 1. No fireplace or woodstove (2 points)

Do not install any fireplaces or woodstoves.

Option 2. Enhanced combustion venting measures (1 point)

For any wood-pellet-burning stoves, install equipment only that is EPA certified. **For wood-burning fireplaces, install equipment only that is EPA qualified.** Provide power or direct venting.

For any natural gas, propane, or alcohol stoves, install equipment listed by an approved safety testing facility. The stove must have a permanently fixed glass front or gasketed door and an electronic pilot. Provide power or direct venting.

Projects that earn the EPA Indoor airPLUS label automatically meet the requirements of Option 2.

Effective Date: In response to concerns about the changes in LEED v4 being too abrupt, USGBC announced last year that it would ease into LEED v4, with project teams allowed to register for either LEED v4 or LEED 2009 until June 1, 2015, after which only LEED v4 will remain open