

# 2024 Earth Hour Weekend Challenge

## Official Competition Rules & Guidelines

**Challenge Period: Friday, March 22<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 PM  
to Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 AM**

## Tackling Energy Waste All Weekend Long

Expanding on the success of this BOMA Toronto initiative and last year's success, BOMA Toronto in collaboration with program advisor, Energy@Work Inc. are pleased to open up this year's **2024 Earth Hour Weekend Challenge**. The challenge encourages collective efforts between landlords and tenants to identify operational and behavioral strategies to eliminate energy waste during the Challenge Weekend. Phantom power such as computer monitors and phone chargers consume electricity even when not in use and contributes to electricity waste. Collaborative actions can reveal opportunities to conserve energy by reducing unnecessary loads like Phantom power when buildings are unoccupied.

In the spirit of Earth Hour and energy conservation, participants will be able to compete for award recognition as the **Top Reducer** in the **Building category** with onus on landlords to find operational changes and collaborate with tenants to discover behavioral changes that affect energy use over the entire weekend as opposed to just the one hour.

Through joint efforts, our hope is that landlords will continue to partner with tenants to collectively realize energy-saving strategies that in turn drive down operational costs and greenhouse gas emissions.

If you want to receive all 2024 Earth Hour Weekend Challenge updates, please complete this short entry form. [General Information Form](#)

**Registration is free and simple.**

## 2024 Information Webinar

Join us on **Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:00 AM** for a detailed webinar to find out how to participate in this year's Earth Hour Weekend Challenge.

[Register Here](#) for the free webinar.

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## Challenge Overview and Rules:

**The Building Challenge:** Participating properties will compete for the **Top Reducer Award**. The award is presented to the building that achieves the **Greatest Percentage Reduction (%)** in electricity use (**kWh**). Recognition is determined by the greatest reduction in consumption during the Challenge Weekend when compared to the building's average consumption over the preceding two weekends.

- ✓ All Participants must have access to **full raw interval meter** data from your electricity provider.
- ✓ Data **must** be presented in the available prescribed [Data Entry Form](#). Data presented in other formats **will not be accepted**.
- ✓ A building can only win once every 3 years.

Visit the [Earth Hour Weekend Challenge Web Page](#) for additional tools and resources to help prepare your building for this year's challenge!

Check out [Energy@Work's Tips & Tricks Video](#) on how you can participate!

## Important Data Deadline

- ✓ Submit interval data no later than the deadline **on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 4:00 PM**

## Data Submission

- ✓ Obtain your interval data for the challenge weekends from your smart meter, utility, or BAS system.
  - Manual meter reads will not be accepted as this would introduce errors and would be difficult to verify.
- ✓ To submit data on an individual building, please use the following [Data Entry Form](#).
- ✓ To submit data from a portfolio of buildings, you may complete this [spreadsheet template](#) and upload the spreadsheet to our [Data Entry Form](#).

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## Winner Recognition

Challenge results (expressed in terms of percentages) will be reviewed by the program advisor after the submission deadline cutoff. Finalists will be selected for data verification and may be asked to provide data from their real-time energy monitoring system or utilities provided electricity interval data. A winner for the building challenge will be selected on **Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. The building challenge winner will be recognized with the “Top Reducer” Award at the annual **BOMA Toronto Celebration of Excellence Gala on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

In addition to the winner being recognized on official BOMA Toronto communication channels, the winning participant will also receive:

- ❖ Recognition in an awards presentation at the 2024 Celebration of Excellence Awards Gala
- ❖ Two complimentary tickets to BOMA Toronto’s 2024 Celebration of Excellence Awards Gala
- ❖ A published case study that highlights the success of the winning participant and recognizes the property as the **2024 Earth Hour Weekend Challenge** Winner.

**A special thank you to BOMA Toronto’s 2024 Earth Hour Weekend Challenge program advisor for their ongoing commitment to this worthwhile initiative.**

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