

## Understanding Standards

Core Area 2		Strategies and long-term capital planning are in place to ensure that assets are effectively and efficiently resourced; those facilities are safe, secure, and free of hazards and that business continuity and resilience are managed through risk assessment and mitigation policies.		
Standard 2.4		The provider is committed to environmental sustainability in the communities where they operate.		
Element	Description	Unaware - Developing	Aware - Developing	Meets
2.4.a	The provider is committed to energy efficient buildings through removing air leaks; energy efficient heating systems; retrofits; and sustainable building products.	Energy efficiency is not considered, improvements to improve this are rarely implemented	emerging policies, controls and initiatives are being considered or tested, however there is inconsistency and there is no formal policy	The provider has an active policy to identify and action opportunities to improve energy efficiency and use sustainable products to the extent possible. Has reached out to BC Housing portfolio manager and/or BCNPHA or other entities to request energy audits for all buildings older than 10 years. Additional audits, inspections, performance targets and measurements in place.
2.4.b	The provider facilities have recycling and effective waste management.	recycling and waste management is not given active thought, no improvements implemented	emerging policies, controls and initiatives are being considered or tested, however there is inconsistency and there is no formal policy	There is a wide and comprehensive policy in place to effectively reduce waste and recycle more efficiently. Waste reduction and recycling policy is consistent with BC Housing recommended practice.