

MEEA's 16th Annual

Midwest Building Energy Codes Conference

September 17 & 18, 2025

The Midwest Building Energy Codes Conference brings together stakeholders from across the Midwest to discuss the advancement of energy codes and building energy efficiency practices in the region. This annual conference provides an opportunity to network, engage in building science and policy discussions and learn from leading experts about current and future trends.

Register now!

Pre-Conference: Tuesday, September 16

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| 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Pre-Conference – Energy Code Training
Hilton Garden Inn, 611 North Broadway, Wilder Room, Milwaukee, WI
Learn about the latest in Commercial and Residential Energy Codes. |
| 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Pre-Conference Tour & Networking
Details coming soon. |

Day 1: Wednesday, September 17

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| 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. | Breakfast - Hilton Garden Inn, Beman Room |
| 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Welcome & Midwest Round-up
Efficiency champions, unite! Join MEEA and representatives from states and municipalities across the Midwest to discuss what has been happening in building energy efficiency over the last year. This session will highlight energy code adoptions, building energy efficiency policies and more. (discussion) |
| 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. | Break |
| 10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. | How Energy Benchmarking Saves Wisconsin Residents' Cheddar
Reducing the energy consumption of the existing building stock is a key element of long-term economic stability. Both Madison and Milwaukee have taken steps to achieve this goal by adopting benchmarking ordinances - a proven method for reducing building energy use and customer costs. Learn how these effective and beneficial policies can serve as models for other municipalities across the Midwest (panel) |
| 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. | Lunch - Hilton Garden Inn, Beman Room |
| 12:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. | Energy Saving Building Codes: Successes in Utility Codes programs
Building energy codes have a direct connection to reducing consumer energy bills, with current codes providing over 30% savings compared to previous versions. Learn about approaches to funding and claiming savings for energy codes programs. (panel) |

2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Building Sovereignty: Energy Codes as Tools for Resilient Tribal Communities Strong energy codes are a foundational element for creating affordable and resilient communities. This panel will bring together Tribal partners from across the Midwest to share how energy codes are being used to support Native nations' efforts in achieving their community development goals (discussion)
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Reception at Explorium Brewpub Third Ward 143 W. St. Paul Avenue, downtown Milwaukee The Tunnel Bar

Day 2: Thursday, September 18

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast - Hilton Garden Inn, Beman Room
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Making the Rounds: Connecting Circuit Riders with Energy Code Stakeholders Across the State Can Circuit Riders make a difference? Understanding building science and the principals in the energy code is the first step in producing an energy efficient building. Seasoned Circuit Riders share successes, challenges and new ideas for reaching and engaging with building officials, builders, architects, engineers, and other energy code stakeholders and assisting with education and training. (discussion)
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Eliminating Speed Bumps for Heat Pumps Heat pump installation is growing in the Midwest. In order to allow this technology to maintain momentum, key hurdles will need to be addressed. Experts will share their insights for optimizing heat pump installations, ensuring compliance with evolving standards, and improving the accuracy of energy savings projections. (panel)
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch - Hilton Garden Inn, Beman Room
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Many Paths, One Goal: Cost-Effective Residential Compliance IRL The latest energy codes increasingly provide more options for achieving compliance. In this lively session learn what the data shows about current Midwest construction practices, the cost-effective compliance options builders are using for 2021 IECC and 2024 IECC compliance and finding the energy code sweet-spot that balances both short-term and long-term costs and savings. (discussion)