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Get Started with Microsoft Sustainability Manager

Record, report, and reduce your organization's environmental impact more accurately and easily

Start your free 30-day triall now to monitor and manage your sustainability performance.

Microsoft Cloud for Sustainability helps organizations build on business growth and accelerate progress on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) goals.

Microsoft Sustainability Manager is a solution designed to support those efforts—by helping you better manage the constant flow of data from your operations and value chain. Microsoft Sustainability Manager helps you reach your sustainability goals while driving efficiencies, improving cost savings, and reducing energy consumption.

Given increasing pressure from investors, customers, and new and intensifying regulations, it's important to measure and report on sustainability goals accurately. Microsoft Sustainability Manager unifies data intelligence and applies automation to give you more comprehensive, integrated management. And that can help you uncover insights into your emissions activities and improve reporting on your progress and impact.

Why try Microsoft Sustainability Manager?

Microsoft Sustainability Manager automates data connections and calculations to help you record, report, and reduce your organization's emissions more efficiently.

Record

- Automate data collection
- Break down data silos
- Calculate emissions more accurately across scopes

Report

- Visualize your impact
- Track your performance against goals
- Gain actionable insights
- Streamline reporting

Reduce

- Set and track sustainability targets
- Collaborate seamlessly
- Integrate your sustainability insights
- Support emission reduction strategies
- Re-imagine fundamentals

Four steps to get started

1. Understand what's involved

At a high level, configuring Microsoft Sustainability Manager involves defining your organization, importing operational data, setting up calculations, creating goals, and running reports.

Knowing this ahead of time can help you get a better handle on what resources and data you'll need to get started. For example, begin thinking about reference data that might be unique to your organization, such as particular spending or contractual instrument types.

2. Plan for the level of effort

Start incrementally, but expect that configuration and implementation might take a few months for your first scenarios. It all depends on your organization's size, familiarity with carbon accounting, and sustainability goals.

You'll get a better understanding of what's involved as you walk through the configuration process, as one of the most important factors in maping out a plan will be how you define your organization. Early in the configration process, you'll create your company profile, set up your organizational structure and hierarchy, and add facilities.

3. Gather your team

Many organizations find that a cross-functional team with a range of responsibilities works best. A variety of people will have valuable contributions, including facilities managers, IT staff, and department heads.

A diverse team can be especially valuable later in the configuration process when you're defining your sustainability goals. A wide range of knowledge can make your score cards and metrics more effective, especially as you adjust them over time. That broader team can also help with communications and building buy-in across your organization.

4. Start the configuration process

Some configuration milestones can be done in a different order or in parallel. For your first scenarios, it's easiest to follow the order outlined in the configuration guide—from defining your organization on up through setting up and running calculations, validating analytics and setting reports, and more.

You might have to repeat some milestones and steps to enable all your scenarios, but following the order in the guide helps ensure that the correct data goes in the correct place and you get optimal results.

Learn more about Microsoft Sustainability Manager

Get tips on configuration. If you get stuck along the way, take a look at help topics, video tutorials, and more in the configuration guide, all tailored to each configuration step.

Find out more about the free 30-day trial. Read the FAQ for more details on how to set up, manage, or extend your Microsoft Sustainability Manager trial.

Accelerate your sustainability journey and achieve your ESG goals

Insights and analytics from Microsoft Sustainability Manager can help you more fully understand your organization's climate impact. And that helps you better design and improve sustainability solutions to target your ESG goals.

No matter where you are on your sustainability journey, Microsoft can help.

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