

# LEED® v4

## LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

*Building codes are changing across the country, from Massachusetts to California, mandating greater energy efficiency and sustainability. The US Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program is a widely used green certification. In some localities, basic LEED certification is becoming a requirement for some types of new construction.*

*Under LEED v4, credits for residential construction are different than credits for commercial construction. The following list represents the current areas where Westlake Royal Roofing products can help your project achieve credits under **LEED v4 Homes**. See credits for **LEED v4 Building Design and Construction** on the next page.*

## HOMES

### **SS Credit: Rainwater Management**

**INTENT: To reduce rainwater runoff volume from the site.**

US Tile® clay tile roofs can be part of a rainwater management system that may qualify for this credit. Smooth, hard-surfaced materials, like clay tile, are preferred for rainwater collection because, unlike asphalt shingles, they do not shed granulated contaminants into the rainwater storage system.

**Homes (1–3 points), Multifamily Midrise (1–3 points)**

### **MR Credit: Environmentally Preferable Products**

**INTENT: To increase demand for products or building components that minimize material consumption through recycled and recyclable content, reclamation, or overall reduced life-cycle impacts.**

Under OPTION 2: ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PRODUCTS, 90% of a building component, such as roofing, must include products that contain at least 25% postconsumer or 50% preconsumer recycled content.

All of US Tile® domestically produced clay tile products have a pre-consumer recycled content up to 59%. Westlake Royal Roofing's patented Elevated Batten System® polyethylene plastic pads are 100% post-consumer recycled material.

**Homes (0.5–4 points), Multifamily Midrise (0.5–5 points)**

### **Innovation Credit: Innovation**

**INTENT: To encourage projects to achieve exceptional or innovative performance.**

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US Tile® clay tile roofs provide above sheathing ventilation (ASV), a strategy that has been documented to provide additional insulating value to the roof system, lowering below-roof temperatures in hot weather and helping conserve interior heat in cold weather. Tile roofs, properly installed with a ventilation channel underneath, may contribute to this credit.<sup>1</sup> To achieve ASV, tile models should be installed with Westlake Royal's patented Elevated Batten System® or counter-battens.

**Homes (1–5 points), Multifamily Midrise (1–5 points)**

<sup>1</sup>LEED credit interpretation ruling has not yet been submitted to confirm if this innovation would classify for a point under the existing LEED structure.

# BUILDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

## SS Credit: Heat Island Reduction

**INTENT:** To minimize effects on microclimates and human and wildlife habitats by reducing heat islands.

Under OPTION 1, 75% of the roof must be a high-reflectance material. For high-slope roofs (> 2:12), roofing materials must have either a 3-year aged SRI of minimum 32, or initial SRI of minimum 39. (Aged SRI is preferred.)

US Tile® has numerous colors of clay tile that meet this stringent standard, with cool roof choices in every tile profile. The color of clay tile is fired-in and considered permanent, providing reliable reflective performance as the tile ages.

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| <b>New Construction (1–2 points)</b> | <b>Data Centers (1–2 points)</b>                        |
| <b>Core and Shell (1–2 points)</b>   | <b>Warehouses and Distribution Centers (1–2 points)</b> |
| <b>Schools (1–2 points)</b>          | <b>Hospitality (1–2 points)</b>                         |
| <b>Retail (1–2 points)</b>           | <b>Healthcare (1 point)</b>                             |

## SS Credit: Site Master Plan

**INTENT:** To ensure that the sustainable site benefits achieved by the project continue, regardless of future changes in programs or demographics.

This credit applies only to Schools (1 point.) If the credit SS Credit: Heat Island Reduction is achieved, it also contributes to this credit.

**Schools (1 point)**

## EA Pre-Requisite: Minimum Energy Performance

**INTENT:** To reduce the environmental and economic harms of excessive energy use by achieving a minimum level of energy efficiency for the building and its systems.

Under OPTION 1. WHOLE-BUILDING ENERGY SIMULATION, the project must demonstrate an improvement of 5% for new construction, 3% for major renovations, or 2% for core and shell as compared to a baseline building performance, using a simulation model.

The air gap below a clay tile installation (also called above sheathing ventilation or ASV) contributes to the insulating value of the roof assembly, and therefore to the building's energy performance. Guidance from GBCI states that, "the air gap may be used in the total roof assembly U-factor calculation." If the ASV strategy is unable to be modeled directly in the simulation software, an exceptional calculation must be performed to determine its application

Applies to:

**New Construction**  
**Data Centers**  
**Core and Shell**  
**Warehouses and Distribution Centers**  
**Schools**  
**Hospitality**

## EA Credit: Optimize Energy Performance

**INTENT:** To achieve increasing levels of energy performance beyond the prerequisite standard to reduce environmental and economic harms associated with excessive energy use.

Under OPTION 1. WHOLE-BUILDING ENERGY SIMULATION, credits are earned by demonstrating performance in excess of the improvements required in EA Pre-Requisite Minimum Energy Performance (see above). The contribution of clay tile to the energy performance of the building may be included in the same way as outlined above.

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| <b>New Construction (1–18 points)</b> | <b>Data Centers (1–18 points)</b>                        |
| <b>Core and Shell (1–18 points)</b>   | <b>Warehouses and Distribution Centers (1–18 points)</b> |
| <b>Schools (1–16 points)</b>          | <b>Hospitality (1–18 points)</b>                         |
| <b>Retail (1–18 points)</b>           | <b>Healthcare (1–20 point)</b>                           |

## MR Credit: Building Life-Cycle Impact Reduction

**INTENT:** To encourage adaptive reuse and optimize the environmental performance of products and materials.

For new construction, OPTION 4. WHOLE-BUILDING LIFE-CYCLE ASSESSMENT (3 points) allows the conduction of a life cycle assessment that demonstrates a reduction of the building's impact in several categories, one of which is global warming potential. High thermal mass is specifically cited as an example of a property that can reduce a building's peak energy demand.

US Tile® clay roof tile, with its high thermal mass, insulating action from above sheathing ventilation, and in some cases high solar reflectance, can reduce energy demands for heating and cooling, and may contribute to this credit.

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| <b>New Construction (2–5 points)</b> | <b>Data Centers (2–5 points)</b>                        |
| <b>Core and Shell (2–5 points)</b>   | <b>Warehouses and Distribution Centers (2–5 points)</b> |
| <b>Schools (2–5 points)</b>          | <b>Hospitality (2–5 points)</b>                         |
| <b>Retail (2–5 points)</b>           | <b>Healthcare (2–5 point)</b>                           |

## MR Credit: Building Product Disclosure and Optimization—Material Ingredients

**INTENT:** To encourage the use of products and materials for which life-cycle information is available and that have environmentally, economically, and socially preferable life-cycle impacts. To reward project teams for selecting products for which the chemical ingredients in the product are inventoried using an accepted methodology and for selecting products verified to minimize the use and generation of harmful substances. To reward raw material manufacturers who produce products verified to have improved life-cycle impacts.

Under OPTION 1. MATERIAL INGREDIENT REPORTING (1 point), the project must use at least 20 different products that have obtained a qualifying chemical inventory, one of which is Cradle to Cradle certification.

US Tile® has 18 different colors of clay tile, available in a variety of profiles, that have achieved Cradle to Cradle Version 3 Bronze certification, and may contribute to this credit.

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| <b>New Construction (1–2 points)</b> | <b>Data Centers (1–2 points)</b>                        |
| <b>Core and Shell (1–2 points)</b>   | <b>Warehouses and Distribution Centers (1–2 points)</b> |
| <b>Schools (1–2 points)</b>          | <b>Hospitality (1–2 points)</b>                         |
| <b>Retail (1–2 points)</b>           | <b>Healthcare (1 point)</b>                             |

## MR Credit: Building Product Disclosure and Optimization – Sourcing Of Raw Materials

**INTENT:** To encourage the use of products and materials for which life cycle information is available and that have environmentally, economically, and socially preferable life cycle impacts. To reward project teams for selecting products verified to have been extracted or sourced in a responsible manner.

Under OPTION 2. LEADERSHIP EXTRACTION PRACTICES (1point), the project must use products that meet at least one of a list of responsible extraction criteria, which include recycled content and sustainable wood products.

All of US Tile® domestically produced clay tile products have a pre-consumer recycled content from 44% up to 59%.

Moreover, Westlake Royal’s patented Elevated Batten System® battens are certified by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®), a USGBC-approved certification for the Wood Products criterion under OPTION 2. Elevated Batten System’s polyethylene plastic pads are 100% post-consumer recycled material.

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| <b>Schools (1–2 points)</b>          | <b>Hospitality (1–2 points)</b>                         |
| <b>Retail (1–2 points)</b>           | <b>Healthcare (1 point)</b>                             |

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| <b>Schools (1–5 points)</b>          | <b>Hospitality (1–5 points)</b>                         |
| <b>Retail (1–5 points)</b>           | <b>Healthcare (1 -5 point)</b>                          |



#### ABOUT WESTLAKE ROYAL ROOFING SOLUTIONS™

Westlake Royal Roofing Solutions™ is the combination of DaVinci® Roofscapes and the former Boral North America roofing product lines. The company is a recognized, national leader in durable and sustainable clay, composite, concrete, and steel roof systems and components. The company's offerings include US Tile® products, a legacy line of premium, stunning clay tile solutions manufactured to the highest standard of sustainability and craftsmanship: DaVinci® Roofscapes, beautiful and durable composite slate and shake roofing tiles; Newpoint™ Concrete Tile Roofing, the enduring line of concrete tile known for its superior strength, Class A fire rating and long-lasting beauty; Unified Steel™ Stone Coated Roofing, the ultra-lightweight roofing system which benefits from the structural strength of steel; and Westlake Royal™ Roofing Components, a full line of integrated roof components designed to deliver a higher standard of roof installation and performance.

#### ABOUT ABOUT WESTLAKE ROYAL BUILDING PRODUCTS™

Westlake Royal Building Products USA Inc., a Westlake company (NYSE:WLK), is a leader throughout North America in the innovation, design, and production of a broad and diverse range of exterior and interior building products, including Siding and Accessories, Trim and Mouldings, Roofing, Stone, Windows and Outdoor Living. For more than 50 years, Westlake Royal Building Products has manufactured high quality, low maintenance products to meet the specifications and needs of building professionals, homeowners, architects, engineers and distributors, while providing stunning curb appeal with an unmatched array of colors, styles, and accessories.

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