

The Next Version of Declare

Declare 2.1 development scope, timeline, and how to engage

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Living Future's Declare Program

[Declare](#) is a platform for sharing and finding healthy building products. Manufacturers voluntarily disclose product information on easy-to-read Declare labels, which are accessible on a free [database](#) used by leading designers, real estate owners, and conscientious homeowners to specify products they know they can trust.

Declare labels report all product ingredients and use a simple color code system to flag chemicals of concern. Further information is provided on the product's final assembly locations, life expectancy, end-of-life options, and overall compliance with the relevant requirements of the Living Building Challenge (LBC). Manufacturers may opt to engage an approved third party to verify all ingredients, supply chain information, and Declare label claims to offer an additional level of confidence and risk mitigation.

By facilitating and simplifying the exchange of complex ingredient information, Declare has positively changed the materials marketplace to enable the creation of buildings that support human and environmental health.

Scope of Changes

The goal of Living Future's programs is not just incremental improvement, but transformation. Our programs are developed with the intent of marking out a clear, measurable path to truly regenerative buildings, products, and socially just organizations.

Living Future periodically updates its programs to maintain leadership, stay current with industry advancements, remove barriers to success, address market opportunities, and harmonize with globally accepted definitions and regulations.

The planned changes include:

- Expanding the [Red List](#) (and concurrently introducing market exceptions). The Red List will align with several international regulatory lists of chemicals of concern, and will include materials associated with carcinogenicity, mutagenicity,

reproductive and developmental toxicity, endocrine disruption, and persistent and bioaccumulative toxicity across their lifecycle.

- Updating definitions throughout the program, including:
 - How we define a product, product family, component, and material to make reporting more straightforward and align with global standards.
 - Special CASRN Reporting requirements for polymers
 - Aligning End-of-Life definitions to align with ISO 14021
 - Adding selected circular ‘R-strategies’ to the End-of-Life options
 - Aligning the Embodied Carbon product category baselines with the Carbon Leadership Forum’s most current industry averages.

Timeline for Updates

Date	Event
December 2025	Announce Declare update scope and timeline; call for engagement in development process
February 2026	Technical Advisors review first draft of changes
March 2026	Public review of draft
Summer 2026	Launch of Declare 2.1 program

How to Engage

Practitioner and stakeholder feedback on program content and implementation guidance is critical to continuous improvement and evolution. Living Future’s Material Health Technical Advisory Group will advise the development of the new Declare label.

Members of the community from the following areas are welcome to engage with us as the program develops.

- Third-party verifiers
- Manufacturers of building materials
- AEC Professionals
- Materials Ecosystem (ingredient or product data collection + analysis)

- Chemistry and Toxicology experts

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