The Next Generation of Energy Star ® Certified New Homes

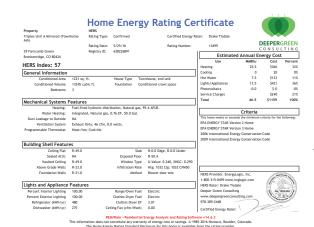


What does it mean to be ENERGY STAR® qualified? **ENERGY STA**

To earn the ENERGY STAR®, a home must be certified under Version 3.0 of the program requirements. This certification requires completion of four inspection checklists.

These checklists include building science practices that promote improved comfort, indoor air quality, and durability in certified homes.

EPA requires that ENERGY STAR certified homes be labeled and that homeowners to receive an ENERGY STAR certificate for their homes.



By meeting these strict guidelines, less energy is used for heating, cooling and water heating.

ENERGY STAR certified homes deliver approximately 20% saving on annual utility bills. Over the 7 to 8 years that a typical family lives in a home, you can save thoughts of dollars on maintenance costs.

In ENERGY STAR certified homes, comfort is ensured with consistent temperatures between and across rooms; indoor air quality is enhanced by reducing dust, pollen, bugs, and excessive humidity; and durability is improved with comprehensive water protection, windows that block damaging sunlight, and better grade equipment.

By using less energy to operate, ENERGY STAR certified homes help to prevent air pollution—an added benefit for today's environmentally-

conscious consumer looking for "green" choices.

Homes achieve this level of performance through a combination of energy-efficient improvements including:

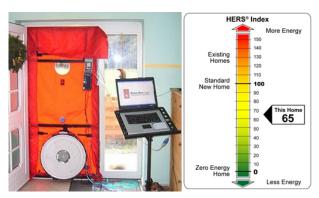
- Effective Insulation Systems
- High-Performance Windows
- Tight Construction and Ducts
- Efficient Heating and Cooling Equipment
- ENERGY STAR® Qualified Lighting and Appliances

All new homes in Lincoln Park are third-party inspected and HERS rated to meet the stringent ENERGY STAR® standards required for certification. Our Rater works closely with the builder throughout the construction process to help determine the needed energy-saving equipment and construction techniques and conduct required on-site diagnostic testing and inspections to document that the home is eligible to earn the ENERGY STAR® label.

What does it mean to be HERS rated?

Home Energy Rating System (HERS) is a scoring system, which utilizes building plan analysis to identify any performance improvements, on-site testing blower door testing to ensure efficiency, and construction inspections to come up with a HERS score, based on an Index of 100. The term "Net Zero" home comes from an energy home that is built with a goal of scoring a HERS Index of 0. The lower a home's HERS Index, the more energy efficient it is in comparison to the HERS Reference Home. Each 1 point decrease in the HERS Index corresponds to a 1% reduction in energy consumption.

For example, a HERS Index of 65 is 35% more energy efficient than the HERS Reference Home.



To learn more about the Features and Benefits visit The Next
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