



## HERS 101

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## Agenda

- HERS Industry
- HERS Ratings
- Becoming a HERS Rater
- Business models
- Equipment
- ENERGY STAR
- Other Government Programs
- Green Building Programs
- Rebates and Financial Incentives
- Resources

## About Me

**KSG** Kruger Sustainability Group

- HERS Rater & Trainer/QAD
- BPI Building Analyst & Proctor
- LEED AP Homes & ND
- LEED Green Rater
- EarthCraft Technical Advisor
- Educator
- Curriculum development
- Member RESNET Technical Committee
- Utility DSM Program Design & Implementation



## Introductions

- Audience
  - HERS Raters?
  - Code officials?
  - HVAC contractors?
  - Insulators?
  - Architects?
  - Government employees?
  - Where from?

## HERS industry



## RESNET

*The Residential Energy Services Network's (RESNET®) mission is to ensure the success of the building energy performance certification industry, set the standards of quality, and increase the opportunity for ownership of high performance buildings. RESNET is a membership 501-C-3 non profit organization.*

[www.resnet.us](http://www.resnet.us)

## RESNET

- Board of Directors
- Staff
- Committees
  - Quality Assurance
  - Training and Education
  - Technical
  - Standards
  - COMNET
  - Ethics and Appeals
  - Accreditation

## RESNET

- HERS Standards
- Represent the industry- our lobbyists!
- Annual conference





# HERS Ratings

- HERS Ratings consists of
  - Assessment of building components
  - Performance testing
  - Software modeling
  - Reporting

Based on standard U.S. Government tests

## ENERGYGUIDE

Water Heater - Natural Gas  
Capacity/Year Rating: 97 Gallons

OSW Water Heating Company  
Model: JWS4004A  
16480

Compare the Energy Use of this Water Heater with Others Before You Buy.

This Model Uses **268** Therms/Year

Energy use (therms/year) range of all similar models

Uses Least Energy: 238 | Uses Most Energy: 273

Therms/year is a measure of energy use. Your utility company uses it to compute your bill. Only models with first hour ratings of 96 to 64 gallons are used in this scale.

Natural gas water heaters that use fewer therms/year cost less to operate. This model's estimated yearly operating cost is: **\$162**

Based on a 1994 U.S. Government national average cost of \$0.024 per therm for natural gas. Your actual operating cost will vary depending on your local utility rates and your use of the product.

# HERS Rating is the Home's Mileage

**5 Stars Confirmed Rating**

Uniform Energy Rating System

1 Star	2 Stars	3 Stars	4 Stars	5 Stars
500-401	400-301	300-201	200-101	100-01

HERS Index: **81**

General Information

Conditioned Area: 4796 sq. ft.  
Conditioned Volume: 41054 cubic ft.  
Bedrooms: 4

HouseType: Single-family detached  
Foundation: Conditioned basement

Mechanical Systems Features

Heating: Fuel-fired air distribution, Natural gas, 92.1 AFUE  
Cooling: Air conditioner, Electric, 13.0 SEER  
Heating: Fuel-fired air distribution, Natural gas, 90.0 AFUE  
Duct Leakage to Outside: 262.00 CFM  
Ventilation System: None  
Programmable Thermostat: Heating: Yes | Cooling: Yes

Building Shell Features

Ceiling Ins: U-0.040, R-38  
Vaulted Ceiling: NA  
Above Grade Walls: R-19, R-13  
Foundation Walls: R-24.1, R-11.0  
Slab: R-5.0 Edge, R-0.0 Under

Exposed Floor: R-30  
Window Type: Dist:LE/Arg - Vinyl60  
Infiltration: Htg: 1976 Cjy - 1976 CFM50  
Blower door test

Lights and Appliances Features

Percent Fluorescent Fix:Based: 10.00  
Percent Fluorescent CFL: 0.00  
Refrigerator (kBtu/yr): 775.00  
Dishwasher Energy Factor: 0.46

Clothes Dryer Fuel: Electric  
Range/Oven Fuel: Natural gas  
Ceiling Fan (int/Watt): 0.00

Rating Number: 122897-01  
Certified Energy Rater: Lee O'Neil  
Rating Date: December 28, 2007  
Rating Ordered For: Stanley Martin Custom Homes

Use	MMBtu	Cost	Percent
Heating	77.6	\$232	13%
Cooling	11.3	\$298	15%
Hot Water	19.8	\$60	4%
Lights/Appliances	\$0.0	\$1146	67%
Photovoltaics	-0.0	\$-0	-0%
Service Charges		\$232	11%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2030</b>	<b>100%</b>

This home meets or exceeds the minimum criteria for all of the following:

- EPA Energy Star Home
- ASHRAE Standard 90.2 - 1992
- 2003 International Energy Conservation Code
- 2004 International Energy Conservation Code
- 2006 International Energy Conservation Code

NSpecs Inc.  
P.O. Box 221704  
Charlottesville, VA 22913-1704  
703.574.4300  
703.630.6216

Compare this vehicle to others in the FREE FUEL ECONOMY GUIDE available at the dealer.

CITY MPG **14** | Highway MPG **19**

**Fuel Mileage Information**

Actual Mileage will vary with options, driving conditions, driving habits and vehicle's condition. Results reported to EPA indicate that the majority of vehicles with these estimates will achieve between 11 and 17 mpg in the city, and between 16 and 22 mpg on the highway.

Estimated Annual Fuel Cost: \$115

For Comparison Shopping, all vehicles classified as STANDARD PICKUP have been issued mileage ratings ranging from 14 to 26 mpg city and 15 to 27 mpg highway.

Compare this vehicle to others in the FREE FUEL ECONOMY GUIDE available at the dealer.

CITY MPG **23** | Highway MPG **30**

**Fuel Economy Information**

Actual Mileage will vary with options, driving conditions, driving habits and vehicle's condition. Results reported to EPA indicate that the majority of vehicles with these estimates will achieve between 19 and 27 mpg in the city, and between 26 and 35 mpg on the highway.

Estimated Annual Fuel Cost: \$650

For Comparison Shopping, all vehicles classified as COMPACT have been issued mileage ratings ranging from 18 to 31 mpg city and 16 to 41 mpg highway.

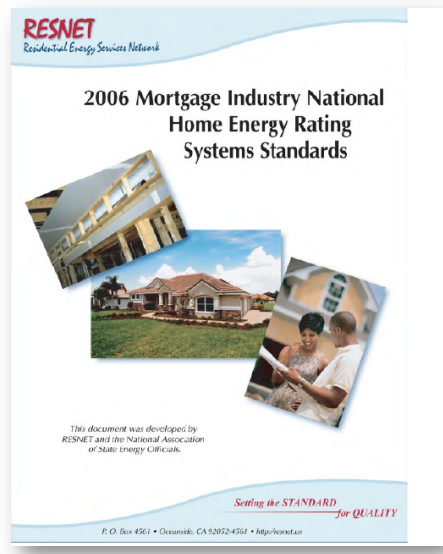
## HERS is Recognized by

- Mortgage industry for capitalizing energy efficiency in mortgages
- Financial industry for certification of “white tags”
- Federal government for verification of building energy performance for:
  - Federal tax credit qualification
  - EPA ENERGY STAR labeled homes
  - U.S. Department of Energy Building America program
- Method of minimum code compliance in 16 states

## HERS Standards

### Rules and Regulations

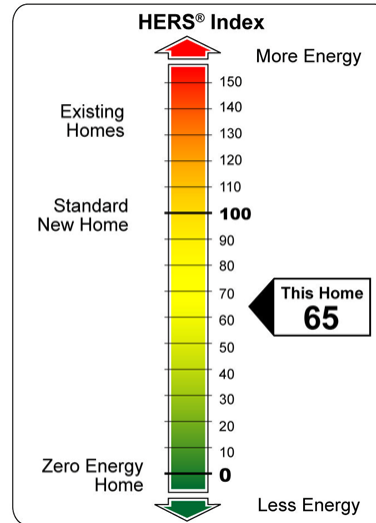
- Raters
- Rating Providers
- Trainers
- Software developers
- RESNET



## HERS Ratings

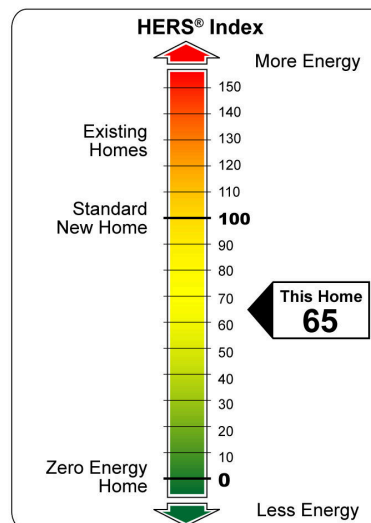
HERS Index of 100 represents the energy use of the "American Standard Building".

HERS Index of 0 (zero) represents a home using no net purchased energy (a Zero Energy Building).



## HERS Index

- HERS Index accounts for:
  - Heating
  - Cooling
  - Water Heating
  - Lights
  - Appliances
- Lower is better



## Rated vs. Reference Home

Feature	Rated Home	Reference Home
Location	Actual	Actual
Size & Shape	Actual	Actual
Windows	Actual	18% of floor area, evenly distributed
Insulation	Actual	2004 IECC
HVAC	Actual	2004 IECC
Infiltration	Actual	SLA = 0.00048

## HERS Training Providers

- Accredited by RESNET
- 70+ Training Providers around the country
- A full list can be found here:

<http://www.resnet.us/programs/training/directory.aspx>

## HERS Training

- Typically a week long course
- Classroom and field
- HERS Software
- RESNET Rater test
  - 2 hours
  - 50 questions
  - $\geq 80\%$  passing score



## Training Topics

- Basic principles of building science (i.e., viewing the home as a system)
- The minimum rated features for buildings
- Blower door & duct leakage testing procedures
- Types and efficiencies of windows
- Types and efficiencies of heating, cooling, water heating, and lighting systems
- Types and characteristics of HVAC and domestic hot water
- On-site inspection procedures
- Producing a scaled and dimensioned drawing of a home
- Geometry
- Completing a home energy rating checklist or entering data into a home energy rating software program
- Completing a home energy improvement analysis or entering data into a home energy rating software program that performs improvements analysis
- Basic knowledge of financial incentive programs and energy efficient mortgages
- Communicating the benefits of energy saving measures and practices to the consumer
- Quality assurance

<http://www.resnet.us/rater/certified/default.htm>

## Becoming a Training Provider

- Rating and/or training experience
- RESNET non-refundable \$500 application fee
- Annual accreditation fee of \$1,750
- Submit all training materials for review
- Must have a HERS Trainer, which requires
  - Pass the RESNET Trainer Test with  $\geq 90\%$  correct
  - Annual CEU's

## HERS Rating Providers

- Supplies the Rating software
- Each Rating Provider must employ a certified Quality Assurance Designee (QAD)
- QAD must check a minimum 10% of all building input files
- QAD must verify a minimum of 1% of each certified Rater's homes
- Maintain rater registry, records of CEUs, financial disclosure forms, complaints, etc.
- RESNET ensures Rating Providers compliance



## Finding a Rating Provider

- 100+ around the country
- Full list here:

<http://www.resnet.us/programs/providers/directory.aspx>

- Tips
  - Find someone reasonably close by
  - Find someone you like working with
  - Ideally the Provider will help you develop your business and supply leads and advice
  - Someone you do not have a conflict of interest

## Becoming a Rating Provider

- Be a Rater first
- RESNET non-refundable \$500 application fee
- Annual accreditation fee of \$1,750
- Must have a QAD, which requires
  - Perform  $\geq 25$  Ratings
  - Pass the RESNET QAD Test with  $\geq 90\%$  correct
  - Can not check their own ratings

## HERS Raters

- HERS Field Analyst
  - Trained and certified to **only** perform inspections
- HERS Rater
  - Performs inspections **and** HERS software models



## Becoming a Rater

- Complete week-long training
  - Accredited by RESNET
- Pass national online test
- Contract with Rating Provider
- Perform 5 “provisional” ratings under the supervision of QAD/Trainer
- Equipment
- Insurance



## Rater Code of Ethics

- Professional Conduct
- Representation of Fees & Services
- Conflicts of Interests

## Standard Disclosure

- Complete for every home.
- Given to the Rating client who is responsible to provide a copy to the homeowner/buyer.
- Each form must include, at a minimum, the name of the community or subdivision, city and state where the home is located.

**RESNET HOME ENERGY RATING  
Standard Disclosure**

For home(s) located at: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Check the applicable disclosure(s) in accordance with the instructions on the reverse of this page:

1.  The Rater or the Rater's employer is receiving a fee for providing the rating on this home.  
2.  In addition to the rating, the Rater or Rater's employer has also provided the following consulting services for this home:  
 A. Mechanical system design  
 B. Moisture control or indoor air quality consulting  
 C. Performance testing and/or commissioning other than required for the rating itself  
 D. Training for sales or construction personnel  
 E. Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

3.  The Rater or Rater's employer is:  
 A. The seller of this home or their agent  
 B. The mortgagee for some portion of the financed payments on this home  
 C. An employee, contractor or consultant of the electric and/or natural gas utility serving this home

4.  The Rater or Rater's employer is a supplier or installer of products, which may include:  

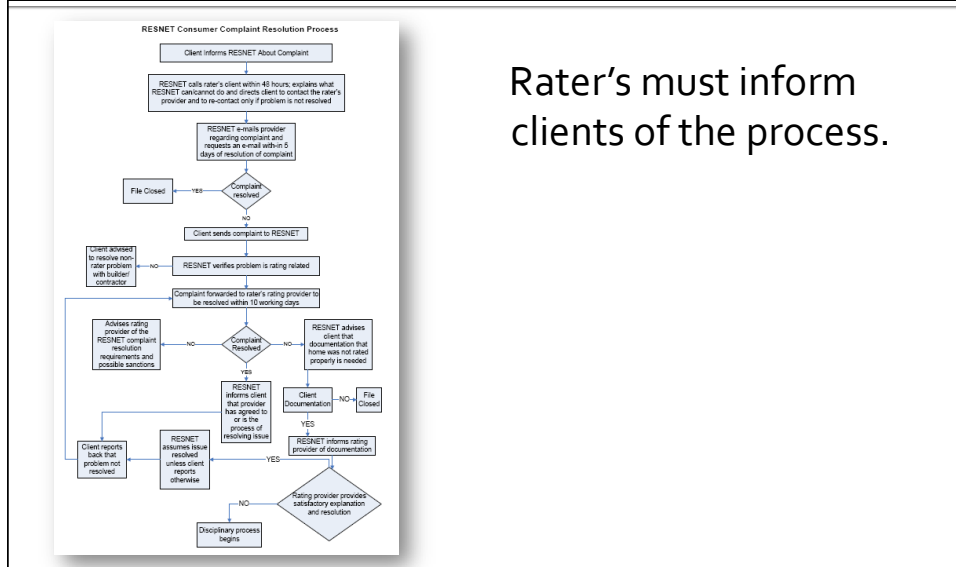
	Installed in this home by:	OR Is in the business of:
HVAC systems.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Rater <input type="checkbox"/> Employer	<input type="checkbox"/> Rater <input type="checkbox"/> Employer
Thermal insulation systems.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Rater <input type="checkbox"/> Employer	<input type="checkbox"/> Rater <input type="checkbox"/> Employer
Air sealing of envelope or duct systems.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Rater <input type="checkbox"/> Employer	<input type="checkbox"/> Rater <input type="checkbox"/> Employer
Windows or window shading systems.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Rater <input type="checkbox"/> Employer	<input type="checkbox"/> Rater <input type="checkbox"/> Employer
Energy efficient appliances.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Rater <input type="checkbox"/> Employer	<input type="checkbox"/> Rater <input type="checkbox"/> Employer
Construction (builder, developer, construction contractor, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rater <input type="checkbox"/> Employer	<input type="checkbox"/> Rater <input type="checkbox"/> Employer

Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  Rater  Employer  Rater  Employer

This home may have been verified under the provisions of Chapter 6, Section 803 Technical Requirements for Sampling of the Mortgage Industry National Home Energy Rating Standard as set forth by the Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET).

Rater's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Certification # \_\_\_\_\_  
Rater's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Complaint Resolution Process



## HERS Raters

- New construction inspections
  - ENERGY STAR
  - Green building programs
  - Energy Efficient Mortgages (EEM)
- Existing homes
  - Energy audits/home performance assessments
  - Utility programs
  - Weatherization
  - Energy Improvement Mortgages (EIM)
  - Home Performance with ENERGY STAR

## Green Raters

- RESNET classification of Rater to perform green building inspections.
- Additional two day
- RESNET Green Rater Certificate
- **NOT a USGBC Green Rater!**



## BPI Certification

- Building Performance Institute (BPI) founded in 1993 by building tradespersons, project managers and public program professionals.
- Originally focused on certification for weatherization auditors and installation personal.
- Now certification for all residential and multifamily building performance contractors.

[www.bpi.org](http://www.bpi.org)



## Rater Business Models

- Performance testing with conventional limited scopes
- Performance testing with broader work scopes and subcontracting
- Integrated whole-house approach with all services offered in-house
- Many offer new and existing home inspections
- 3 case studies

## Performance Point



- Based in Charlotte, NC
- Key partnerships with HVAC, waterproofing and spray foam insulation contractors.
- Services
  - Air sealing
  - ENERGY STAR and green building inspections
  - Manual J and D calculations
  - Consulting
  - Existing home inspections and improvements

<http://www.theperformancepoint.com/>

## Environmental Services Group



ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS GROUP

- Based in Greensboro, NC
- Services
  - ENERGY STAR and green building certifications
  - Energy audits for homes and businesses
  - IEQ assessments for mold, lead, asbestos, bacteria, moisture and industrial hygiene
  - Environmental health forensics
  - Construction management
  - No improvement/remediation work

[www.esgtesting.com](http://www.esgtesting.com)

## Southern Energy Management



- Based in Raleigh, NC
- Service NC and parts of SC and VA
- ENERGY STAR and green building certification
- Solar PV and hot water for residential, commercial and industrial

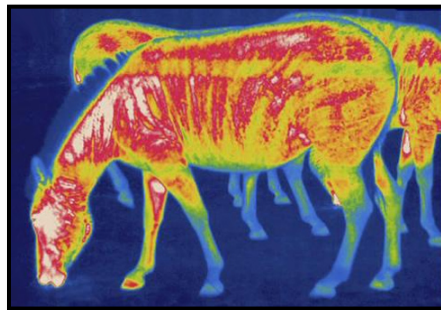
[www.southernenergymanagement.com](http://www.southernenergymanagement.com)

## Building Science Consultant

- How it should work
  - Train builders sales team
  - Train builders and supers
  - Train subcontractors
  - Consult during design phase
  - Review Manual-J load calculation
  - Predrywall inspection
  - Final inspection

## Equipment

- At a minimum
  - Blower Door
  - Duct Blaster
  - Computer for HERS software
  - Tape measure
- Additional ~~tools~~ equipment
  - IR Camera
  - Moisture meter
  - Thermometer
  - Air flow meter
  - Digital camera



Zebras at the London Zoo shot with a FLIR camera

## Blower Door

The Energy Conservatory



Minneapolis Blower Door

<http://www.energyconservatory.com/>

Retrotec



Q42 and Q46 Automated Blower Doors

<http://www.retrotec.com/>

## Duct Leakage

Energy Conservatory



Minneapolis Duct Blaster

<http://www.energyconservatory.com/>

Retrotec

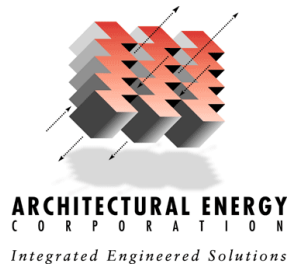


Q32 Duct-Tester

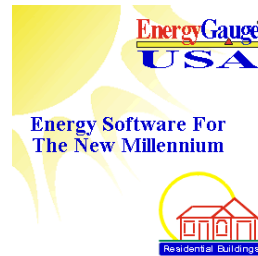
<http://www.retrotec.com/>

## HERS Software

- What you use will be dictated by where you are and what your Rating Provider uses.



REM/Rate  
[www.archenergy.com](http://www.archenergy.com)



Energy Gauge  
[www.energygauge.com](http://www.energygauge.com)

## Insurance

- RESNET and the IRS for Tax Credit Verifiers require \$500,000 in professional liability insurance.
- RESNET has arranged a package through Lockton Affinity.

Basic premium for individual Raters with at least one year of experience is approximately \$1,650\* for Professional Liability coverage.

<http://www.locktonaffinity.com/resnet/>

\*These examples represent basic pricing. Premiums can vary depending on the size of the rating enterprise and/or the nature of its operations.



## Insurance, cont.

- Green building programs may require something too....

General Liability	\$1,000,000
Automobile Liability	\$500,000
Workers Compensation	As required by law
Employer's Liability <small>This is typically part of Workers Compensation</small>	\$500,000
Professional Liability	\$500,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covers professionals for negligence and errors and omissions that injure clients.</li> <li>• Professionals are expected to have extensive technical knowledge or training in their particular area of expertise. They are also expected to perform the services for which they were hired, according to the standards of conduct in their profession. If they fail to use the degree of skill expected of them, they can be held responsible in a court of law for any harm they cause to another person or business.</li> <li>• Professionals that operate their own businesses need professional liability insurance in addition to an in-home business or business owner's policy. This protects them against financial losses from lawsuits filed against them by their clients.</li> <li>• When liability is limited to acts of negligence, professional liability insurance may be called "errors and omissions" liability.</li> </ul>	

NAHB Requirements for verifiers

## Recap

We've covered...

- RESNET
- HERS Rating
- HERS Training
- HERS Rating
- HERS Rater
- Green Rate
- BPI Certification



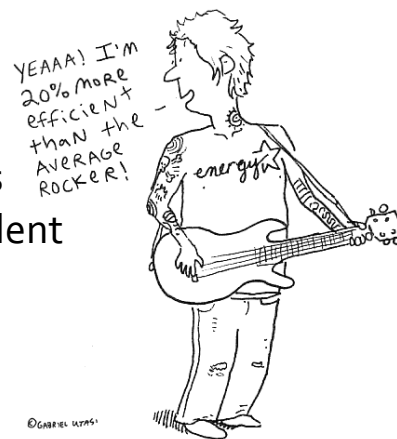
## ENERGY STAR

The national, US government-backed  
*symbol for*  
 cost-effective  
*energy efficiency*  
 while assuring same or better performance



## ENERGY STAR Background

- **1992** launched
- **50+** products categories
- **1+ Billion** products sold
- **\$14 Billion** annual savings
- **25 Million** vehicles equivalent GHG



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## A Growing Brand

- **70%** awareness in 2004
- **4,700+** Active Builder Partners
- **1,400,000+** Labeled Homes



## Top ENERGY STAR Markets

Total number of verified homes to date\*

- Houston, TX
- Dallas-Fort Worth, TX
- Las Vegas, NV
- Phoenix, AZ
- Greater Los Angeles, CA
- Greater New York, NY
- Tucson, AZ
- San Antonio, TX
- Sacramento, CA
- San Diego, CA
- Columbus, OH
- Des Moines, IA
- Indianapolis, IN
- Austin, TX
- Greater Philadelphia, PA/Wilmington, DE

\*Date unknown

## ENERGY STAR is...



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- *Truly Energy Efficient*
- *Credible*
- *Environmental Leadership*

*On average 15% more efficient  
than 2009 IECC code built homes*

## Energy Efficiency

Green building starts with energy efficiency

- Saving energy prevents pollution
- Saving energy saves water (?!)



## Why certify

Which is energy efficient?



EarthCraft House and Energy Star certified  
Atlanta, GA 2006



Standard home

## Qualifying Homes



- The following homes are eligible to earn the ENERGY STAR:
  - Single-family homes
  - Multi-family buildings three stories or less
  - Multi-family buildings four or five stories and have individual heating, cooling, and hot water systems
  - Multifamily High-rise (6+ stories)

## Certification Pathways



### Prescriptive Path

1. Build the home using the ENERGY STAR Reference Design.
2. Complete the inspection checklists.
3. Have Rater Verify Home
4. Place ENERGY STAR certification label on breaker box and provide homeowner with ENERGY STAR certificate.

### Performance Path

1. Model the home and find the ENERGY STAR HERS Index Target.
2. Select upgrades that achieve a HERS Index  $\leq$  ENERGY STAR HERS Index Target and meet other program requirements.
3. Complete the inspection checklists.
4. Have Rater Verify Home
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## ENERGY STAR 3.0



- More Stringent Envelope Requirements
- More Stringent Duct Leakage Requirement
- Home Size Adjustment (Performance Path)
- Five New Inspection Checklists
  - Thermal Enclosure System Rater Checklist
  - HVAC System Quality Installation Rater and Contractor Checklists
  - Water Management System Rater and Builder Checklists

Hot Climates (2009 IECC Zones 1,2,3) <sup>16</sup>		Mixed and Cold Climates (2009 IECC Zones 4,5,6,7,8) <sup>16</sup>				
<b>Cooling Equipment (Where Provided)<sup>17</sup></b>						
Cooling equipment shall meet the following applicable efficiency levels:						
• ≥ 14.5 SEER / 12 EER ENERGY STAR qualified AC, OR;	• Heat pump (See Heating Equipment)	• ≥ 13 SEER AC, OR;	• Heat pump (See Heating Equipment)			
<b>Heating Equipment<sup>17</sup></b>						
Heating equipment shall meet the following applicable efficiency levels:						
• ≥ 80 AFUE gas furnace, OR;	• ≥ 80 AFUE oil furnace, OR;	• ≥ 90 AFUE gas furnace, ENERGY STAR qualified, OR;	• ≥ 85 AFUE oil furnace, ENERGY STAR qualified, OR;			
<b>Water Heater</b>						
DHW equipment shall meet the following efficiency requirements: <sup>17</sup>						
Gas:	30 Gal = 0.63 EF	40 Gal = 0.61 EF	50 Gal = 0.59 EF	60 Gal = 0.57 EF	70 Gal = 0.55 EF	80 Gal = 0.53 EF
Electric:	30 Gal = 0.94 EF	40 Gal = 0.93 EF	50 Gal = 0.92 EF	60 Gal = 0.91 EF	70 Gal = 0.90 EF	80 Gal = 0.89 EF
Oil:	30 Gal = 0.55 EF	40 Gal = 0.53 EF	50 Gal = 0.51 EF	60 Gal = 0.49 EF	70 Gal = 0.47 EF	80 Gal = 0.45 EF
<b>Thermostat &amp; Ductwork</b>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Programmable thermostat shall be installed unless thermostat controls a zone with electric radiant heat, for which a manual thermostat is allowed.<sup>18</sup></li> <li>Supply ducts in unconditioned attics shall have insulation ≥ R-8; all other ducts in unconditioned space shall have insulation ≥ R-6.</li> <li>Total duct leakage shall be ≤ 6 CFM25 per 100 sq. ft. of conditioned floor area.<sup>19,20</sup></li> <li>Duct leakage to outdoors shall be ≤ 4 CFM25 per 100 sq. ft. of conditioned floor area.<sup>19,20,21</sup></li> </ul>						
<b>Lighting &amp; Appliances</b>						
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## Benchmark Home Size

- Homes larger must use the Performance Path with Size Adjustment Factor.

Bedrooms	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Conditioned Floor Area	1,000	1,600	2,200	2,800	3,400	4,000	4,600	5,200

## Value Through Building Science

If you want your homes to be..

Affordable

Comfortable

Durable

Building science says to have a..

1

Complete Thermal Enclosure System

System Enclosure

2

Complete HVAC System

System

3

Complete Water Management System

System Management

## Thermal Enclosure System

1

Thermal Enclosure System Checklist

Checklist System

### • Features

- High-quality insulation installation
- High-performance windows & doors
- Tightly sealed home
- Reduced thermal bridging in walls



## Thermal Enclosure System

1

### Thermal Enclosure System Checklist

Checklist  
2013

- Why is this important?
  - A well-insulated and air-sealed home, with good windows and doors, reduces the amount of energy needed to keep the home comfortable.

## Complete HVAC System

2

### HVAC System QI Checklists

Checklists  
QI

- Features
  - A right-sized and properly installed heating, cooling, and duct system
  - A ventilation system that meets the industry standard
  - Reduced safety and air quality risks from combustion appliances

## Complete HVAC System

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HVAC  
System  
QI  
Checklists

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- Why is this important?
  - Improved airflow & efficiency maintain comfort with less energy
  - Proper sizing costs less and better manages humidity levels
  - Ventilation systems remove indoor air pollutants, provide outdoor air, and filter dust and particles

## Water Management System

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Water  
Management  
System  
Checklist

Checklist  
System

- Features
  - Water-managed roof, walls, foundation, site, and building materials

## Water Management System

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### Water Management System Checklist

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- Why is this important?
  - Prolonged moisture in walls, floors, and ceilings can cause rot and mold, hurting durability.
  - Wet walls, floors, and ceilings in air-sealed homes don't dry as quickly; therefore, it's more important to not let them get wet.

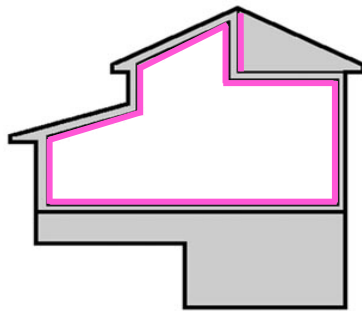
## New Training Requirements

- Raters must complete Version 3 training provided by RESNET accredited training providers
- Builders must complete training provided by EPA and HVAC contractors will be required to complete training provided through industry associations
- Training not required, though encouraged, for Version 2.5.

## Added Costs of 2011 Specs

- EPA cost analysis suggest an approximate incremental cost range from \$4,000 to \$5,000.
- For an average weighted incremental cost of about \$4,300, the incremental monthly mortgage is approximately \$23/month at currently published interest rates.
- This incremental monthly mortgage is lower than the expected monthly energy savings of approximately \$37/month, and thus meets EPA cost-effectiveness criteria.

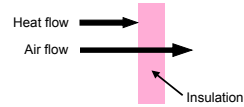
## The Building Envelope



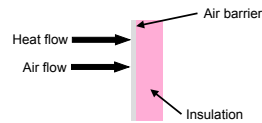
The Building Envelope consists of a thermal barrier and air barrier. They must be contiguous and continuous over the entire building envelope. The two must be perfectly aligned with the air barrier.



## Building Science Basics



Most insulation does not stop the flow of air.



Air barrier prevents the flow of air through insulation.



Insulation settling away from sub-floor

## Vertical Insulation

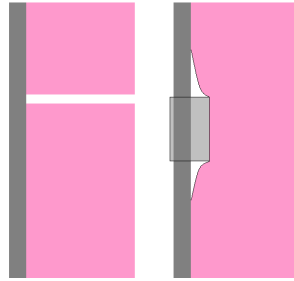
- All wall insulation must be enclosed on all 6 sides to allow proper performance.
- Problem areas: fireplace chases on exterior walls, tubs/showers on exterior walls, attic kneewalls and staircases on exterior walls.



Two installations of air barriers at tubs adjoining exterior walls

## Insulation Grading

- ENERGY STAR requires the insulation installation is graded.
- Goal: no gaps, voids or compression.



Gaps (left) and voids (right) allow air to flow through insulation.

## Air Sealing Measures



**BAD**



**GOOD**

## Duct Sealing

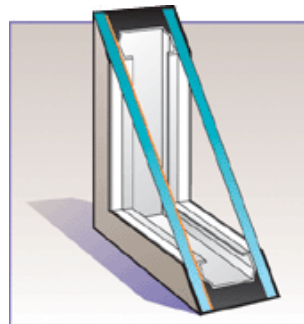
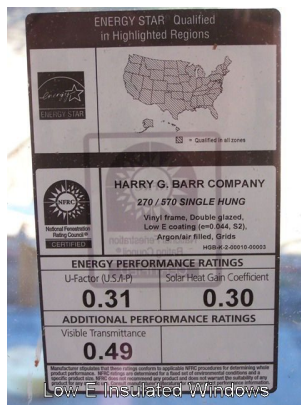


Recommended: Seal all duct connections with **mastic**



Seal the boot to subfloor/drywall connection with **caulk or mastic**

## Energy Efficient Windows



Double pane low-e windows

## Right-Sized HVAC

- Residential heating and cooling equipment is typically oversized
  - 143% - 322% for cooling
  - 106% - 234% for heating
- Most code officials don't check for Manual J and do not have proper training to

[http://www.builtgreen.org/articles/0308\\_HVAC\\_sizing.htm](http://www.builtgreen.org/articles/0308_HVAC_sizing.htm)

## Bigger is not always better

- Higher equipment costs
- Poor dehumidification
- Short cycle
- Large temperature swings
- Lower efficiency and higher operating costs
- Shorter equipment life
- Comfort problems




# Checking Load Calcs

## ENERGY STAR Requires

- Must be sized according to the latest editions of ACCA Manuals J and S or ASHRAE 2001 Handbook of Fundamentals.
- Maximum over sizing of 15% .
- Outdoor temperatures shall be the 99.0% design temperatures as published in the ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals
- Indoor temperatures shall be 75°F for cooling;
- Infiltration rate shall be selected as "tight", or the equivalent term.

# Sample Load Calc



**Project Summary**  
*Entire House*  
 Southface Energy Institute

Job:  
 Date:  
 By:

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**Project Information**

For: Atlanta, GA

Notes:

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**Design Information**

Weather: Atlanta, GA, US

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# AHRI Matching

- Indoor & Outdoor A/C or heat pump coils must be properly matched to achieve desired performance.
- ENERGY STAR requirement
- www.ahridirectory.org

Model	Manufacturer	Trade/Brand Name	Manufacturer	Model	Manufacturer/Brand Name	Model	Part No.	Capacity (Btu/h)	SEER	SEER2	Phase	AHRI Type	Est. Indoor Airq. Quality (ASHRAE 62.1-2009)	Equip. No. (per Unit)
336174	Active	Call (800-368-5801)	ADP	CARRIER AIR CONDITONING	24AB4A6A32	ADVANCED DETROIT/ATOR PRODUCTS	CA8H422566.N	SMV4C1F90-26	47500	12.00	10.00	1	SC1-A	342
336173	Active	Call (800-368-5801)	ADP	CARRIER AIR CONDITONING	24AB4A6A32	ADVANCED DETROIT/ATOR PRODUCTS	CA8H422566.N	SMV4C1C88-26	47500	12.00	10.00	1	SC1-A	342
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336170	Active	Call (800-368-5801)	ADP	CARRIER AIR CONDITONING	24AB4A6A32	ADVANCED DETROIT/ATOR PRODUCTS	CA8H422566.N	SMV4C1F90-26	50000	12.00	10.00	1	SC1-A	360
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332577	Active	Call (800-368-5801)	ADREN	CARRIER AIR CONDITONING	24AB0116A.W01	ADREN MANUFACTURING	CA.C.D.20A-34-TDR		10000	11.46	14.00	1	SC1-A	139
332489	Active	Call (800-368-5801)	ADREN	CARRIER AIR CONDITONING	24AB0116A.W01	ADREN MANUFACTURING	CA.P.32A-34-TDR		17000	11.00	10.00	1	SC1-A	142
332676	Active	Call (800-368-5801)	ADREN	CARRIER AIR CONDITONING	24AB0116A.W01	ADREN MANUFACTURING	CA.P.32A-34-TDR		18000	11.46	14.00	1	SC1-A	139

# Manual D – Duct Design

**fresh air corp.** Duct System Summary  
Entire House  
Fresh Air Corporation

JML: 06  
Date: October 1, 2009  
By: JML

**Project Information**  
For: Mr. and Mrs. Smith  
1 Elm Lane, Puffert, ST 12345  
Phone: 555-555-5555 Fax: 555-555-5555  
Email: info@freshaircorp.com

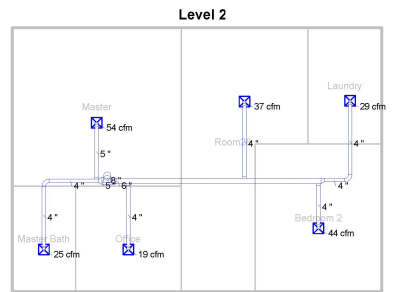
**Heating** External static pressure: 0.50 in H<sub>2</sub>O  
Pressure loss: 0.12 in H<sub>2</sub>O  
Available static pressure: 0.38 in H<sub>2</sub>O  
Supply return available pressure: 0.26 / 0.13 in H<sub>2</sub>O  
Lowest friction rate: 0.500 in H<sub>2</sub>O/100 ft  
Airflow per flow: 600 cfm  
Total effective length (TEL): 388 ft

**Supply Branch Detail Table**

Name	Design (BR/L)	Htg (cfm)	Cg (cfm)	Design FR (ft/100)	Dist (ft)	Static Size (in)	Duct Mat	Actual Ln (ft)	Eq. Loss (in)	Trunk
Livingroom	c 2283	52	95	0.205	5	0.0	SMW	8.0	115.0	sc2
Kitchen	h 261	40	27	0.163	4	0.0	SMW	18.0	180.0	sc1
Break	h 206	20	16	0.161	4	0.0	SMW	25.0	142.0	sc1
Master	h 378	80	55	0.235	4	0.0	SMW	7.0	185.0	sc1
Bath	h 221	21	15	0.164	4	0.0	SMW	14.0	150.0	sc1
Bedroom	h 343	54	38	0.169	5	0.0	SMW	7.0	225.0	sc5
Laundry	h 185	20	15	0.165	4	0.0	SMW	13.0	210.0	sc4
Bedroom 1	h 251	44	27	0.161	4	0.0	SMW	25.0	220.0	sc4
Bedroom 2	h 142	22	13	0.163	4	0.0	SMW	13.0	210.0	sc4
Office	h 190	19	14	0.089	4	0.0	SMW	9.0	240.0	sc4
Master	h 212	21	20	0.081	4	0.0	SMW	21.0	235.0	sc4
Master	h 180	52	38	0.161	5	0.0	SMW	21.0	140.0	sc1

**Supply Trunk Detail Table**

Name	Trunk Type	Htg (cfm)	Cg (cfm)	Design FR (ft/100)	Vloss (ft/100)	Dist (ft)	Feet Duct Size (in)	Duct Material	Trunk
LT1	Peak AVF	185	220	0.143	0.00	7	0 x 0	SMW	sc4
LT2	Peak AVF	32	55	0.205	0.07	5	0 x 0	SMW	sc4
LT3	Peak AVF	206	136	0.086	0.00	0	0 x 0	SMW	sc4
HTA	Peak AVF	39	15	0.105	0.07	4	0 x 0	SMW	sc4
HTB	Peak AVF	119	85	0.088	0.04	0	0 x 0	SMW	sc4
HTC	Peak AVF	39	49	0.109	0.02	5	0 x 0	SMW	sc4
HTA	Peak AVF	25	13	0.118	0.00	4	0 x 0	SMW	sc4



## ENERGY STAR Process

### The ENERGY STAR Process

- Plan Review
- Right sized HVAC with Load Calculation
- Duct Design
- Air Sealing Performed
- Pre-drywall Inspection
- Final Inspection with Performance Testing
- Certification

## Certification Process

- Option #1: Individually verified
  - Every home receives TBC and final inspection with Blower Door and duct leakage test
- Option #2: Sampling
  - "Batch" a group of homes and test only a portion.
  - Only advised for large production builders who have proven quality control measures.

[http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=bldrs\\_lenders\\_raters.nh\\_sampling](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=bldrs_lenders_raters.nh_sampling)

## Certification Includes

- Paper Certificate
- Sticker on the electrical box
- Optional Bronze Plaque

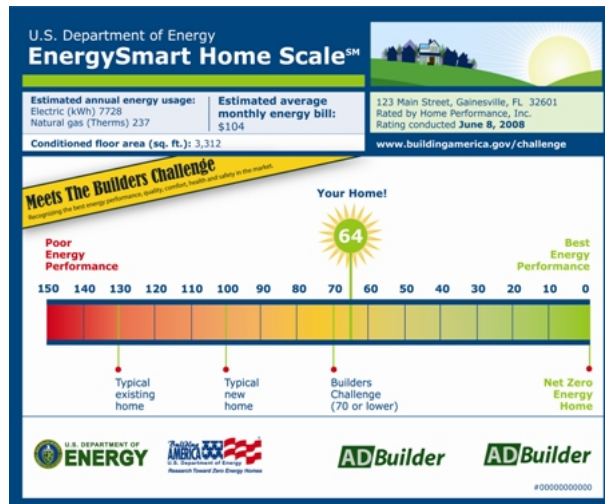


## Other Programs

- DOE's Builders Challenge
- EPA's Indoor airPLUS
- EPA's Water Sense
- ENERGY STAR Advanced Lighting Package



## DOE Builders Challenge



<http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/challenge/index.html>

## DOE Builders Challenge

- Performance Path
  - HERS Index of  $\leq 70$
  - HERS Rater verified
  - Builders Challenge Quality Criteria (BCQC)
- Prescriptive Path

## EPA's Indoor airPLUS

### Sections

1. Moisture Control
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3. Pest Barriers
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# Indoor airPLUS

- Inspection by HERS Rater
- Home must be ENERGY STAR certified
- Rater gives a copy of checklist to their Provider
- Builder gives a copy to home buyer

EPA Indoor airPLUS Verification Checklist		Date		Verified by	
Address or Div./LEI:		Date:		Builder / Rater	
City/State/Zip:		Requirements (see Indoor airPLUS Construction Specifications for details)		NA	Pass
Foundation	Water-Managed Sill and Foundation				
	1.1 Sill & foundation drainage (drip) gaskets, protected drain tiles, & foundation floor drains			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1.2 Capillary break below concrete sills & in crawlspaces (Exception - see specification)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1.3 Foundation wall damp-proofed or water-proofed (Except for homes without below-grade walls)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water-Managed Wall Assemblies	1.4 Blown-in/continuous insulation & conditioned (Exception - see specification)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1.5 Continuous drainage plane behind exterior cladding, properly flashed to foundation			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1.6 Block & core openings fully sealed			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water-Managed Roof Assemblies	1.7 Gutter/downspout direct water a minimum of 5' from foundation (Except in dry climates)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1.8 Fully finished overhead eaves/porches close & lock and flashing & seal penetrations			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1.9 Bituminous membranes installed at valleys & penetrations (Except in dry climates)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interior Wall Management	1.10 Ice backing installed at eaves (Except in Climate Zones 1-4)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1.11 Moisture-resistant mold/protective systems installed (i.e., flooring, tub/shower backing, & piping)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1.12 No vapor barriers installed on interior side of exterior walls with high condensation potential			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Floor	1.13 No wet or water-damaged materials enclosed in building assemblies			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2.1 Approved radon-resistant features installed (Exception - see specification)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2.2 Two coats test kits & instructions/signage for follow-up action provided for buyer (laboratory use specification)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HVAC	3.1 Fresh-air vents & penetrations sealed, including air/light tight covers			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3.2 Commission proof radon/leak screens installed at all openings that cannot be fully sealed (e.g., attic vents)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4.1 HVAC core seals calculated, documented; system design documented; coils flushed			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Combustion Appliance Controls	4.2 Duct system design documented & properly installed OR duct system tested	check box if tested	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4.3 No air handling equipment or ductwork installed in garage; continuous at barrier required in adjacent assemblies			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4.4 Return pressure balanced using barometric grill or pump switch as required OR tested	check box if tested	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mechanical	4.5 Whole-house ventilation system installed by meet ASHRAE 62.2 requirements			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4.6 Local exhaust ventilation to outdoors installed for baths, kitchens, clothes dryers, central vacuum system, etc.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4.7 Central forced-air HVAC system(s) have minimum MERV #16, no filter bypass, & no water generation			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Combustion Appliance Controls	4.8 Additional dehumidification system(s) or central HVAC dehumidification controls installed (in warm-humid climate only)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	5.1 Gas hot water heater, oil heat & water heaters power vented or direct vented (Exceptions - see specifications)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	5.2 Fireplace/heating stove vented outdoors & meet emissions/efficiency standards/restrictions			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attached Garage Isolation	5.3 Certified CO alarm installed in each sleeping zone (e.g., common hallway) according to NFPA 720			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	5.4 Smoking prohibited in common areas; outside smoking at least 20' from building openings (Wall-hung hoods only)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	5.5 Common wall/ceiling/floor & garage or water before installation installed; base doors gasketed & door installed			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Final	5.6 Exhaust fan minimum 70 cfm; used for continuous vent installed & ganged & sealed to outdoors (ceiling preferred)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	6.1 Certified low-formaldehyde pressed wood materials used (i.e., plywood, OSB, MDF, cabinets)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	6.2 Certified low-VOC or no-VOC interior paints & finishes used			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Final	6.3 Carpet, adhesives, & underlayment qualify for OR Green Label Plus or Green Label testing program			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	7.1 HVAC system & ductwork verified dry, clean, & properly installed			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Final	7.2 Home ventilated before occupancy OR initial ventilation instructions provided for buyer			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	7.3 Completed checklist & other required documentation provided for buyer			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

# EPA's Water Sense



ENERGY STAR certification for water fixtures and piloting new homes program.

[www.epa.gov/watersense/](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/)

## Advanced Lighting Package



- The ENERGY STAR ALP designation only applies to new home construction.
- Must install a minimum of 60% ENERGY STAR qualified hard-wired fixtures and 100% ENERGY STAR qualified ceiling fans.

[http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=fixtures.alp\\_consumers](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=fixtures.alp_consumers)

## Recap

We've covered...

- ENERGY STAR
- DOE's Build
- EPA's Indoor
- EPA's Water
- ENERGY STAR



ng Package



## Green Building Programs

- Approximately 50 different programs around the country.
- Two most popular national programs
  - NAHB Green Building Program
  - USGBC's LEED for Homes



## Green Building is...

- Energy Efficient
- Resource Efficient
- Environmentally friendly
- Healthy
- Long lasting
- Quality
- Better
- A home painted green?



## It doesn't have to be...



## Can be New or Existing Homes



Seville Consulting's  
2006 NAHB Green Remodeling Project of the  
Year



LivingHomes' LEED Platinum Certified

## Guiding Principles of Green Building

- Energy Efficiency
- Lot Design, Preparation and Development
- Resource Efficiency
- Water Efficiency
- Indoor Environmental Quality
- Operation, Maintenance and Homeowner Education
- Global Impact

## Lot Preparation and Design

When Designing and siting the home

- Preserve trees
- Brown field vs. green field
- Orientate home north-south
- Native, drought tolerant species
- Proximity to Transit and amenities
- Appropriate home size



Tree Protection



# Resource Efficiency

**Material Selection**

- Engineered wood products such as trusses and LVLs
- Rapidly renewable products such as bamboo
- Sustainably harvested and certified wood products



# Efficient Lighting



Most efficient light is the sun!



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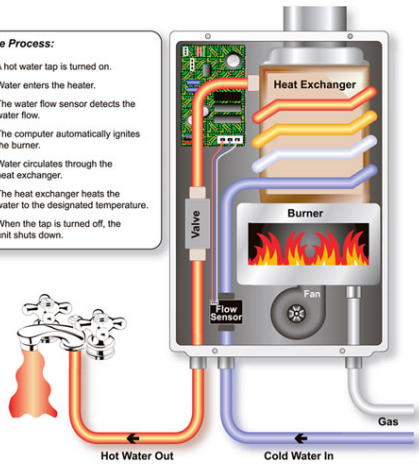
LED Lights



Pin-based CFL

# Water Heating

- The Process:**
1. A hot water tap is turned on.
  2. Water enters the heater.
  3. The water flow sensor detects the water flow.
  4. The computer automatically ignites the burner.
  5. Water circulates through the heat exchanger.
  6. The heat exchanger heats the water to the designated temperature.
  7. When the tap is turned off, the unit shuts down.



Tankless water heater\*

\*[http://www.hotwaterguys.com/images/tankless\\_heater\\_final.jpg](http://www.hotwaterguys.com/images/tankless_heater_final.jpg)



Solar Hot Water

# Water Efficiency

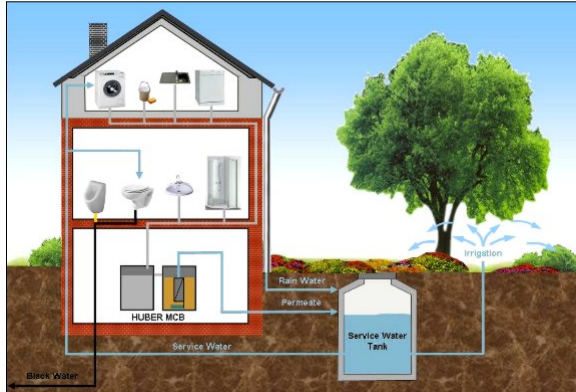
Dual-flush toilets



Low-flow shower heads



## Water Efficiency



Greywater Collection

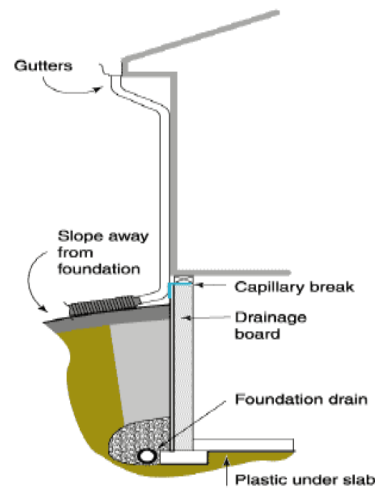


Rainwater Collection

## Durability

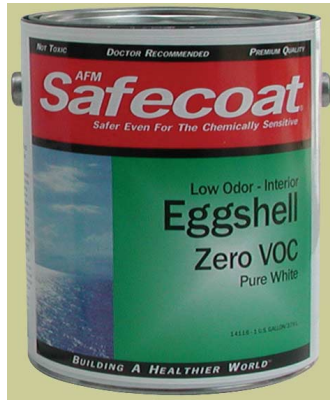
Keep moisture and bulk water out!

- Proper site drainage
- Foundation drainage board
- Foundation drain
- Sealed Crawls
- Exhaust fans
- Proper flashing details





## Indoor Environmental Quality



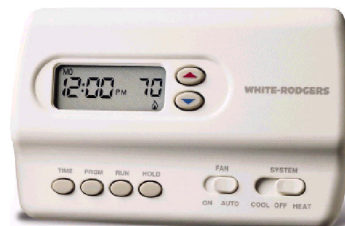
Use low or no VOC  
paints and finishes



Built it **tight** and **VENTILATE** it right

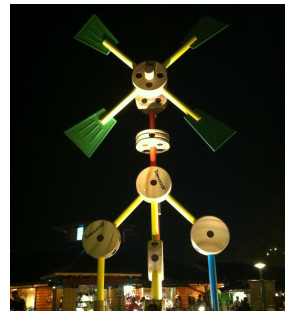
## Home Owner Guidance

- Ultimately the efficiency of the home is in the hands of the user/occupant!
- Thermostat set points and set back
- Exhaust fans
- Water use
- Water heater temp
- Changing HVAC Filters



## Renewable Energy

- Step 1: Make the home as energy efficient as possible.
- Step 2: Onsite renewables



## Inspection Process

- Basically same as ENERGY STAR
  - Predrywall Inspection (PDWI)
    - Visual inspection
  - Final Inspection
    - Blower Door and Duct Leakage Tests
    - Visual Inspection



## NAHB Green



- ANSI approved ICC-700-2008 National Green Building Standard (NGBS)
- The Standard covers
  - Single and multifamily homes
  - Residential remodeling
  - Site development
- 1,000+ homes certified to date

## NAHB Green Standard

- The Guidelines reference
  - Lot Design
  - Resource Efficiency
  - Energy Efficiency
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## LEED for Homes

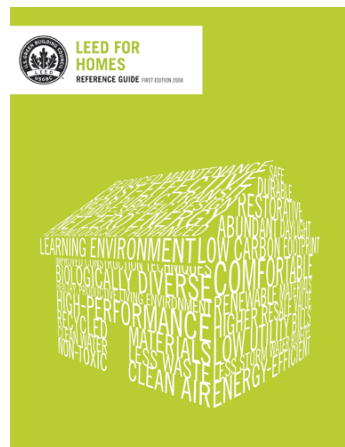
- Developed by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC)
- Pilot in 2004
- Program 2008
- 18,000 units certified to date
- 75,000 registered units



## LEED for Homes

### Sections

- Innovation and Design
- Locations and Linkages
- Sustainable Sites
- Water Efficiency
- Energy and Atmosphere
- Materials and Resources
- Indoor Environmental Quality
- Awareness and Education



## Why Green?

When surveyed by the National Association of Homebuilder's Research Center (NAHB-RC) in December of 2007, energy improvements topped homeowners choices for how they would spend an extra \$5,000 on their new homes.



26% would pay for energy improvements

22% for new countertop

23% for other

17% for upgraded flooring

6% for upgraded appliances

5% for upgraded bathroom features

1% for new siding

## Economics of Green

	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Annual</i>
<i>Utility Savings</i>	<i>\$45</i>	<i>\$540</i>
<i>Added Mortgage</i>	<i>\$20</i>	<i>\$240</i>
<i>Cost Savings</i>	<i>\$25</i>	<i>\$300</i>

## Financial Incentives

- Local utility rebates
- Local county/city incentives
- Federal energy efficient tax credit

## Benefits to Builder

- Less call backs
- More desirable product
- Marketing benefits
- Differentiation in the market

## Benefits to Homeowner

- Lower operating costs
- Increased comfort
- Improved environmental quality
- Enhanced durability and less maintenance
- Increased home value



## Recap

We've covered...

- Green building
- NAHB Green
- LEED for Ho
- EarthCraft
- Why green
- Financial in



## Existing Homes

- Utility programs
- Home Performance with ENERGY STAR
- REGREEN
- EarthCraft House- Renovations
- Building Performance Institute (BPI)
- Market that supports an inspection fee or has rebates key



## Home Performance with ENERGY STAR



- “National”, but only where local sponsor
- ~40 programs
- Test in and Test out
- Improvement priorities list
- Financing available
- Some markets have rebates

[http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=home\\_improvement.hm\\_improvement\\_hpwes](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=home_improvement.hm_improvement_hpwes)

## REGREEN

- Developed by the American Society of Interior Designers' Foundation and USGBC
- "The nation's first green residential remodeling guidelines."
- The guidelines are free to download and are full of best practices, case studies, and other resources.



**REGREEN**  
ASID & USGBC  
Residential Remodeling  
Guidelines

REGREEN GUIDELINES 2008

[http://www.greenhomeguide.org/guide\\_for\\_green\\_renovation/index.html](http://www.greenhomeguide.org/guide_for_green_renovation/index.html)

## CO Poisoning

New & Existing construction



## Why do Home Performance?

- Many contractors claim taking a home performance approach improves closing rates.
- Same closing rate, but high profit percentage per job and larger sales.
- Some markets contractors offer free inspections, but have higher gross profit margins
- Prequalify customers- make sure they are aware of likely improvement costs

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## Resources

Advanced Energy, Raleigh, NC  
[www.advancedenergy.org](http://www.advancedenergy.org)

ENERGY STAR  
[www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC), Cocoa, FL  
[www.fsec.ucf.edu](http://www.fsec.ucf.edu)

National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)  
[www.nahbgreen.org](http://www.nahbgreen.org)

RESNET  
[www.resnet.us](http://www.resnet.us)

Southface Energy Institute, Atlanta, GA  
[www.southface.org](http://www.southface.org)

USGBC  
[www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org)



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