



Why HERS Rated Homes Are Better



Buying a home is one of the most important financial investments you will ever make in your lifetime. That's why it's so important to make sure that the home you love will love you back by:

- Delivering Lower Energy Costs
- Increased Home Comfort
- Higher Resale Value

So how do you find a home that does all that?

Easy. Look for a HERS Rated Home.

NEW HERS RATED HOME

Modeling of the Home's Anticipated Energy Usage

Full home energy model prepared by a certified HERS Rater to project the energy usage of the completed home.



NEW NON-HERS RATED HOME

No energy modeling or understanding of the home's potential energy use.

Mid-Construction Inspection

Inspection of the home's insulation, air sealing, windows and mechanical equipment by a certified HERS Rater prior to walls being covered by drywall.



Basic inspection by a local code inspector (where required by local codes).

Post-Construction Inspection and Testing

Full inspection by a certified HERS Rater of the home's mechanical equipment, appliances and door weather seals.



Basic inspection by a local code inspector (where required by local codes).

Complete testing of the home's airtightness and the airtightness of the home's heating and cooling ductwork.

Basic testing for code compliance (where required by local codes).

Third-Party Verification of Your Home's Energy Efficiency

Documented third-party verification of your home's energy efficiency by a certified HERS Rater.



No third-party verification or understanding of the home's energy usage.

Potential for higher resale value

Increased resale values and less time spent on the market due to a higher demand.*



Little or no potential for increased resale value due to the home's energy efficiency.

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RESNET is the independent, national nonprofit organization that homeowners trust to improve home energy efficiency and realize substantial savings on their utility bills. RESNET's industry-leading standards are recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, among others.

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