

## What Is the HERS Index?

Developed by the Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET), the Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Index is an easy-to-understand energy efficiency measuring tool that assigns a numerical value to homes based on energy performance. The lower the score, the more energy efficient the home. It's like a miles-per-gallon label for houses.

## 3 million+ HERS® Rated Homes = Positive Impact for Homeowners and the Environment



Reduced carbon dioxide emissions by over 49 million tons



Improved the health and comfort of more than 13 million residents



Saved over \$8 Billion in energy costs for homeowners



Employed thousands of workers in the energy efficiency industry



## What is RESNET?

The Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) is the independent, national non-profit organization that homeowners trust to improve home energy efficiency and realize substantial savings on their utility bills. It is the organization responsible for creating the national training and certification standards for Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Raters.

To qualify as a certified RESNET Rater, home energy professionals must first complete the rigorous training and testing required, and agree to abide by the RESNET Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice.

RESNET's industry-leading standards are recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. mortgage industry.

*For more information about RESNET visit*  
**[www.resnet.us](http://www.resnet.us)**

# The HERS Index Score

*It's what smart homebuyers ask for.*

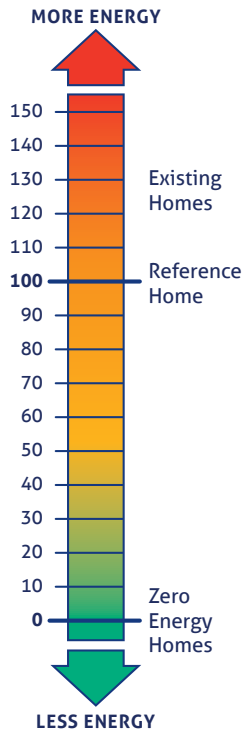


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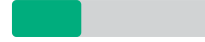
*The energy score that tells you more.*



The HERS Index Score is a measurement system for homes based on their energy performance. A lower score means a more energy efficient home, and that means higher energy savings and lower energy bills for you!



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## One Number That Says It All!

Like a miles-per-gallon (MPG) label for houses, the HERS Index Score is the one number that tells you how energy efficient a home is compared to other homes.

- ▶ Compare homes based on energy performance
- ▶ Know what the projected energy costs are for the home you want to buy
- ▶ Enjoy peace of mind by knowing the home was rated by a certified RESNET HERS Rater

## A Lower Score Saves You More

Outside of a mortgage loan, the highest cost of homeownership is energy. That's why smart homebuyers ask for a home's HERS Index Score to learn about its energy efficiency before buying. The HERS Index Score is like a MPG (miles-per-gallon) label for homes. With one number, you can compare between homes, and identify ways to improve an existing home's energy performance.

How it works is an independent and certified RESNET HERS Rater inspects and tests a home's energy features. The information is entered into sophisticated HERS rating software, which issues a HERS Index Score. The lower the HERS Index Score, the lower the energy costs will be. And lower energy costs means you can put more money into other things, like your mortgage loan.

*Before you decide to buy that new home, be a smart homebuyer and ask for the HERS Index Score! Learn more about the HERS Index at:*

**[www.hersindex.com](http://www.hersindex.com)**

## Why Ask for the HERS Index Score?

- ▶ Compare homes based on their energy scores
- ▶ Get an idea of a home's projected energy costs before you buy
- ▶ Easily identify energy efficient homes
- ▶ Energy efficient homes generate lower energy costs, are more comfortable to live in and enjoy higher resale values. Ask for the HERS Index Score before you buy!

