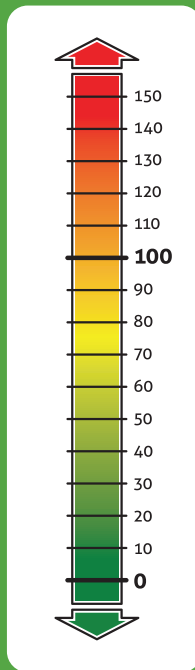


# What is the HOME ENERGY RATING SYSTEM (HERS) INDEX?



- ✓ The **national standard** by which a home's energy efficiency is inspected and rated.
- ✓ A typical home built to 2006 energy efficiency standards scores 100 on the HERS Index.
- ✓ A 1-Point change in the HERS Index represents a 1% change in energy use.
- ✓ A home with a HERS Index Score of 0 produces as much energy annually as it uses.



- ✓ A simple, easy to understand system for prospective homebuyers, Realtors, Appraisers and utilities to compare the energy performance of homes.
- ✓ A lower Index Score means a home uses less energy.



The HERS Index accounts for a home's energy consumption of heating, cooling, water heating, lighting and some appliances.

## HOW TO GET A HERS INDEX SCORE

Obtaining a HERS Index Score requires a comprehensive home energy rating, conducted by a certified RESNET Home Energy Rater.



The HERS Rater conducts a computerized simulation analysis utilizing RESNET Accredited Rating Software.



The results are used to calculate the HERS Index score based on the home's building plans.



Then the Rater conducts a pre-drywall inspection, followed by final inspection using diagnostic testing equipment to verify the home's performance.

The technical specifications of the rating are governed by a national consensus ANSI standard that is incorporated into the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC).

# WHY BUILDERS SHOULD GET HERS INDEX SCORES



## MARKETING ADVANTAGE

Demonstrate energy efficiency features in your homes with an independently verified HERS Index rating. 170+ Builders have become RESNET EnergySmart Builders by having all their homes HERS rated.



## OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE APPRAISED VALUE

With RESNET's Appraiser Portal, your appraiser can verify the HERS Index Score and annual energy cost savings of 2+ million homes and compare your home to other HERS-rated homes in your area.



## CODE COMPLIANCE

More than 15 states and 300+ local jurisdictions allow a HERS Index Score to be used for energy code compliance. This number will grow significantly over the next 3 years.



## LOWER MORTGAGE DEFAULT RISK

Lenders are taking notice after a study that showed Energy Star labeled homes with a lower HERS score have a 32% lower mortgage default rate.



## NETWORK OF 1,900+ CERTIFIED RESNET HERS RATERS

Available to conduct an independent HERS rating on your home and provide expert advice on improving energy efficiency in a cost-effective manner.



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.

To learn more about RESNET and the HERS Index, visit [www.resnet.us](http://www.resnet.us)

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