



## ENERGY STAR® FOR NEW HOMES



### Why choose an ENERGY STAR qualified home?

When we think of ENERGY STAR, most of us think about energy-efficient appliances, like the fridge in our kitchen. But did you know your new home can also be qualified as ENERGY STAR?

An ENERGY STAR qualified new home is a practical choice for home buyers looking for a new home that is backed by a trusted brand and built with quality, energy efficiency and the environment in mind.

#### Trusted brand

ENERGY STAR is an internationally recognized brand and a trusted symbol for identifying energy-efficient products, including new homes.

In Canada, the ENERGY STAR symbol has represented the standard of premium energy efficiency in many product categories for over a decade.

#### Quality

To earn the trusted ENERGY STAR label, a home must be built by an ENERGY STAR builder and meet technical requirements for energy efficiency developed by the Government of Canada.

So, very much like with an ENERGY STAR qualified stove or a dishwasher, you can be sure you are getting a quality product by choosing a home with the government-backed ENERGY STAR label.

### Energy savings and comfort

ENERGY STAR qualified homes built to the ENERGY STAR for New Homes Standard are on average 20 percent more energy-efficient than those built to today's minimum standards in building codes. This level of energy efficiency translates into less energy needed to operate your home and savings on your utility bills.

Typical energy efficiency features in ENERGY STAR qualified homes:

- **Efficient heating and cooling systems** use less energy, reduce indoor humidity and improve the overall comfort of your home.
- **A heat recovery ventilation system** ensures the air inside your home stays fresh by expelling stale air and replacing it with fresh, outdoor air.
- **Walls and ceilings** are insulated beyond what is required by the building code, which contributes to more balanced temperatures and fewer drafts and cold spots in your home.
- **High-performance ENERGY STAR windows, patio doors and skylights** save energy and allow you to enjoy that cup of coffee or tea by the window without being cold.
- **A variety of ENERGY STAR products such as lighting, appliances or air conditioners** save money by using less electricity.

### Did you know?

Over **30 000** homes across Canada have earned the ENERGY STAR label.

And over **1 000** builders across Canada build ENERGY STAR homes.



### Environmental choice

Today, 17 percent of the energy consumed in Canada is used to operate our homes. Through improved energy efficiency associated with the ENERGY STAR brand, you can reduce the energy demand for your home. This conserves our natural resources for future generations.

Lower energy consumption also protects our environment since every time we use energy from fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas, we produce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that contribute to climate change.

Make a choice for our environment by choosing an ENERGY STAR qualified home – know that you are choosing to live in a home that produces fewer GHGs and uses less energy.

### Where to find more information?

ENERGY STAR qualified homes are available across Canada. Find your ENERGY STAR builder and learn more at [newhomes.nrcan.gc.ca](http://newhomes.nrcan.gc.ca).



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