



Choose a New York ENERGY STAR® Certified Home

# The Perfect Balance of Energy Savings and Comfort.



NEW YORK



# Buy a home that gives more & uses less.

Each year, thousands of New Yorkers are choosing to buy or build a home with the highly respected ENERGY STAR® label. And with good reason. Featuring proven technologies and advanced building practices, New York ENERGY STAR® Certified Homes can:



## **Lower Your Utility Bills**

Because your new home will feature premium insulation and air sealing, it can significantly reduce energy costs for as long as you own it.



## **Increase Comfort**

New York ENERGY STAR Certified Homes are warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer—not to mention quiet, durable, and free from drafts.



## **Provide Enhanced Air Quality**

State-of-the-art mechanical ventilation systems deliver excellent indoor air quality; this helps to ensure a healthy living environment year-round.



## **Maximize Your Investment**

New York ENERGY STAR Certified Homes typically hold their value longer than conventional homes.

# A whole-home approach to year-round comfort and savings.

What sets a New York ENERGY STAR Certified Home apart from conventionally built homes? Simple: in order to earn the coveted ENERGY STAR stamp of approval, your new home must meet a variety of stringent guidelines for quality, energy efficiency, and comfort.

Here's how we do it:



The path to Enlightenment begins with a New York ENERGY STAR Certified Home. Think of it as the universal symbol for comfort, efficiency and financial peace of mind. To begin your journey, visit [nysesda.ny.gov/NYES-Home](http://nysesda.ny.gov/NYES-Home).

## Premium Ventilation Systems

All New York ENERGY STAR Certified Homes are equipped with high-quality ventilation systems to help ensure optimum indoor air quality. The continuous supply of fresh air helps to eliminate common household contaminants and dust particles. This can lead to a reduction in the number of colds and allergy symptoms you and your family experience.



## Optimal Insulation

All New York ENERGY STAR Certified Homes boast greater insulation levels in walls, floors, and attics. However, our program builders know that it's not only the amount of insulation that's key to energy savings, but the efficiency (R-value) of the insulation as well. The higher the R-value, the greater the insulating effect. Our highly rated insulation not only helps reduce energy costs, but sound as well.



## Energy-Efficient Windows

New York ENERGY STAR Certified Homes feature ENERGY STAR-qualified windows rated for northern climates. Benefits include low-E coatings, gas fills, and insulation spaces that reduce winter heat loss and summer heat gain. The coating also reduces solar heat build-up, while minimizing natural light loss. Finally, the frames are constructed to reduce condensation.



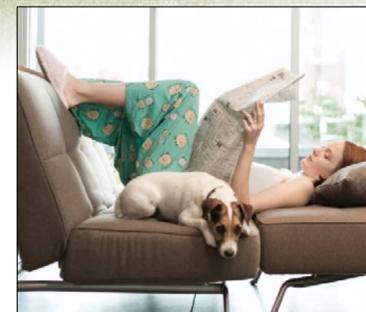
## Energy-Efficient Appliances and Lighting

Your new home will also be equipped with ENERGY STAR-qualified furnaces, water heaters and lighting fixtures. In addition, we encourage homeowners to purchase ENERGY STAR-qualified appliances such as refrigerators, washers and dishwashers. We also encourage you to choose LED or CFL bulbs over traditional incandescent bulbs. They not only last at least six times longer, they use 75% less energy.



## High-Quality Air Sealing

It's a proven fact that conventionally built homes—even new ones—can lose as much as 25% of their heating and cooling dollars due to inadequate sealing. New York ENERGY STAR Certified Home builders eliminate this problem by sealing joints and spaces in attics, ductwork, plumbing, electrical outlets, recessed lighting, and other areas. In fact, they go well beyond local codes and can help to ensure that your home is more comfortable than any other.





### **New York ENERGY STAR Certified Homes—a foundation for better living.**

Join thousands of New Yorkers and make your next home a New York ENERGY STAR Certified Home. They can be built to meet virtually any style, size or budget need. To qualify you must receive electricity or gas service from one of the following\*:

- National Grid
- Central Hudson Gas & Electric
- Consolidated Edison
- NYSEG
- National Fuel Gas
- Rochester Gas & Electric
- Orange and Rockland Utilities

\*Other utility service territories may be added at the discretion of NYSERDA.

### **Talk to an energy-efficient homebuilding guru.**

The next step on the road to enlightenment—not to mention energy savings and comfort—is to connect with a participating New York ENERGY STAR Certified Homes builder near you.

Visit [nyserderda.ny.gov/NYES-Home](http://nyserderda.ny.gov/NYES-Home) or call 1-866-NYSERDA



NYSERDA's Low-rise Residential New Construction Programs support the construction and purchase of energy-efficient New York ENERGY STAR Certified Homes, offering recurring savings and greater value to homebuyers. Financial incentives are offered to participating builders who construct single-family homes or multi-unit residential projects that meet the New York ENERGY STAR Certified Homes standard. Income-qualified projects are eligible for additional incentives.