

ENERGY STAR® Home Certification

To earn ENERGY STAR®, a home must meet strict guidelines for energy efficiency set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. These homes are at least 15% more energy efficient than homes built per the 2004 International Residential Code (IRC) and include additional energy-saving features that typically make them 20%-30% more efficient than standard homes. Certification is granted through a “rater” that qualifies the home via testing and inspection.



This includes the ENERGY STAR Seal & Insulate program, which recommends building practices that improve energy efficiency in homes. Practices include: sealing air leaks throughout the home to stop drafts, adding insulation to block heat loss in winter and heat gain in summer, as well as choosing ENERGY STAR-qualified windows when replacing windows. Using ZIP System tape can help reduce air leaks as recommended by the Seal and Insulation with ENERGY STAR effort.

Energy Star Version 3 (Rev 4) Checklist				
Checklist Number	Category	Products Eligible*		
		AdvanTech Subflooring	ZIP System Wall Sheathing	ZIP System Roof Sheathing
3.1 Fully Aligned Air Barriers: Walls				
3.1.1	Walls Behind Showers and Tubs		•	
3.1.2	Walls Behind Fireplaces		•	
3.1.3	Attic Knee Walls		•	
3.1.4	Skylight Shaft Walls		•	
3.1.5	Wall Adjoining Porch Roof		•	
3.1.6	Staircase Walls		•	
3.1.7	Double Walls		•	
3.1.8	Garage Rim/Band Joist Adjoining Conditioned Space		•	
3.1.9	All Other Exterior Walls		•	
4.4 Reduced Thermal Bridging: Reduced Thermal Bridging at Above Grade Walls Separating Conditioned from Unconditioned Space				
4.4.5	Advanced Framing	•	•	

*See specific green building program for limitations, restrictions and point eligibility requirements.