

Checklist for buying an energy-efficient home

Talk to your builder about including these energy-efficient features:



Lighting controls

Motion sensors, timers and dimmer switches help create your home's ambiance while saving energy.

ENERGY STAR® certified appliances

Appliances make up nearly 20% of your home's energy use. Choose energy-efficient refrigerators, dishwashers and washing machines to save.

Quality construction and duct sealing

Look for tightly-sealed walls and proper duct work to reduce utility and maintenance costs.

All-off switches

Reduce phantom power by switching off non-essential lighting, appliances and devices with just one flick.

Properly installed insulation

Inspect insulation in floors, walls and attics to stay comfortable and keep heating and cooling costs in check.

ENERGY STAR® certified lighting products

Light bulbs, light fixtures and ceiling fans are tested and certified to use less energy than conventional products.

High-efficiency heating and cooling equipment

Look for a furnace with a variable-speed motor and central air conditioning with a SEER 15 rating.

High-performance windows

ENERGY STAR® certified windows can reduce drafts, muffle noise and reduce energy costs by up to 12%.