

# ENERGY STAR CERTIFIED HOME CHECKLIST CERTIFICATION

(RECONSTRUCTION)



## WHAT IS THE ENERGY STAR CERTIFIED HOME STANDARD?

For homes being reconstructed (i.e. new house being built), the Federal government requires that certain energy efficiency standards must be met. ENERGY STAR Certified Home standards do not apply to rehabilitation projects. To determine what standards apply to your reconstruction, please reference the information below:

**If you signed a contract with a contractor to reconstruct your home after signing your grant award, then your new home must be built to ENERGY STAR Certified Home standards:**

- To demonstrate compliance with this requirement, you must have an accredited Home Energy Rating System (HERS) rater, or other EPA approved verifier, complete and sign off on your ENERGY STAR Plan Review Checklist Version 3.0. Search for a HERS rater here: [https://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=new\\_homes\\_partners.showStateResults&s\\_code=LA&show=all](https://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=new_homes_partners.showStateResults&s_code=LA&show=all)
- The Checklist explicitly specifies energy efficiency features and construction details that demonstrate compliance with ENERGY STAR Certified Home standards.
- The signed Checklist must be submitted to your Construction Technical Advisor (CTA) whenever you request your first inspection.
- You can find a copy of the Checklist by visiting: [http://www.energystar.gov/ia/partners/bldrs\\_lenders\\_raters/downloads/DTEV3.pdf?a728-8db5](http://www.energystar.gov/ia/partners/bldrs_lenders_raters/downloads/DTEV3.pdf?a728-8db5)

**If you signed a contract with your contractor to reconstruct your home before signing your grant award, then your new home does not need to be built to ENERGY STAR Certified Home standards:**

- However, you are encouraged to incorporate energy efficiency improvements for any remaining construction, to the extent feasible.
- You can use the Green Building Retrofit Checklist Certification as a guide to ensure materials installed in your home meet energy efficiency and indoor air quality product specifications.

*If you are required to build to ENERGY STAR Certified Home standards, please review these tips for meeting the required energy efficiency standards:*

### WHEN DESIGNING YOUR HOME:

- Include energy efficiency upgrades from the beginning. These include upgrades in energy efficient lighting, right-sized equipment, higher insulation levels, etc.
- Speak with your architect/engineer about the checklist items before plans are drawn and have the Energy Star Checklist reviewed and signed by a certified professional.
- Have your construction team visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) for additional guidance regarding ENERGY STAR Certified Home standards.

## YOU SHOULD PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AT THE FINAL INSPECTION:

1. A copy of the Energy Star Plan Review Checklist (if contract was signed after grant award)
2. Copies of appliance/equipment manufacturer's labels (collect from installer(s) and have on hand)
3. Construction photos of the thermal barriers/air-sealing around windows, the insulation in the walls prior to installing drywall, insulation around pipes, etc. (either hard copy photos or a CD of digital photos from your contractor).

**By signing below, I certify that I have read and acknowledge my obligation to comply with the above mentioned standards where applicable:**

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_