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ENERGY STAR® Homes Program

The NH ENERGY STAR Homes Program encourages customers to take advantage of the benefits of building a new single or multi-family energy efficient home with incentives to help offset the incremental costs (see schedule below). To earn the ENERGY STAR label, a home must meet strict guidelines for energy efficiency set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), making them 20-30% more efficient than standard homes. Homes achieve this level of performance through a combination of energy-efficient improvements, including,

- Effective Insulation Systems
- High-Performance Windows
- Tight Construction and Duct Work
- Effective Heating and Cooling Equipment
- ENERGY STAR Certified Lighting and Appliances

To ensure that a home meets ENERGY STAR guidelines, third-party verification by a certified Home Energy Rater (or equivalent) is required. This Rater works closely with the builder throughout the construction process to help determine the needed energy-saving equipment and construction techniques and conducts required on-site diagnostic testing and inspections to document that the home is eligible to earn the ENERGY STAR label.

For more information on ENERGY STAR Homes, new construction visit:
www.energystar.gov



ENERGY STAR Incentives

CERTIFICATION FEES	Your utility sponsor directly pays the ENERGY STAR contractor for all technical services and project support needed to guide your project through the program		Up to \$1200 per home
ENERGY STAR PRODUCTS	ENERGY STAR Lighting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 Max. Free LEDs Installed • \$25 for each ENERGY STAR certified fixture 	ENERGY STAR Appliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25 for each qualified refrigerator, and clothes washer 	Efficient Gas HVAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance with GasNetworks program to earn rebates for gas HVAC equipment
BUILDING PERFORMANCE	Home must meet or exceed ENERGY STAR version 3	SINGLE FAMILY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1000 for meeting the HERS Target Index • \$100 for each point below • \$4000 Maximum incentive per home 	MULTIFAMILY >5 UNITS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 for meeting the HERS Target Index • \$50 for each point below • \$1000 Maximum incentive per unit

Eligibility Requirements

- Builder must be an ENERGY STAR Partner and submit an ENERGY STAR Application to Unitil.
- Builder agrees to update program application with any changes to the project or schedule.
- Builder agrees to coordinate inspections with assigned ENERGY STAR contractor.
- Homes must meet ENERGY STAR program standards to qualify for label and financial incentives.
- Homes must have separate electric meters, new residential construction or a complete building rehab as defined by ENERGY STAR. Gas homes may be multi-metered if they are 3 stories or less.
- Homes can be single-family, multi-family or townhouse style construction three stories or less in height, or four stories where each residential unit has its own heating, cooling, and water heating system, separate from other units.
- Homes may be five stories if they are located on top of commercial space as long as the entire structure is five stories or less, and each unit has its own heating, cooling, and hot water systems separate from other units.
- Windows must be ENERGY STAR rated or better.
- At least (one) ENERGY STAR bath fan operated programmable timer is required.
- Electrical service must be provided by Unitil, utility sponsor of the Energy Star Homes Program.
- Construction of the home must be "completed" by December 31, 2015 to receive financial incentives unless Unitil has approved a rebate extension.

Additional Incentives Available

Natural Gas Efficiency

Natural gas heated homes may take advantage of further rebates offered by your local natural gas utility. Home builders interested in these incentives must submit an application directly to GasNetworks. Visit www.unitil.com or www.gasnetworks.com for rules, applications and additional information.



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