

ENERGY STAR Update

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Habitat Metro Denver Receives EPA's ENERGY STAR Award

On June 4th, 2013, EPA Deputy Regional Administrator Howard Cantor presented Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver with the 2013 ENERGY STAR Sustained Excellence Award for their continued outstanding leadership and commitment to saving energy and helping the environment by building and promoting ENERGY STAR certified homes. This presentation was part of a ceremony dedicating five new ENERGY STAR certified homes built by Habitat and its volunteers.

Also announced at this ceremony was Habitat's plan to build ENERGY STAR certified homes as part of its role as host for the 30th annual Carter Work Project, named after former President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn. In addition to being energy efficient, these homes will also be water efficient and provide better indoor air quality by being built to EPA's WaterSense program and Indoor airPLUS program requirements.

COOL FACTS: New homes that earn the ENERGY STAR are at least 15 percent more efficient than homes built to the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). They also feature additional measures that deliver a total energy-efficiency improvement of up to 30 percent compared to typical new homes. Additional features include: a detailed package of home envelope air sealing, properly installed insulation, and high-performance windows to deliver comfort, durability, and lower utility bills; a high-efficiency heating, cooling, and ventilation system designed and installed for optimal performance; a complete water and moisture management package to protect roofs, walls, and foundations; ENERGY STAR certified lighting and appliances that help reduce monthly utility bills; third-party verification, with independent inspections and testing by a certified Home Energy Rater.

Products, homes and buildings that earn the ENERGY STAR label prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy efficiency requirements set by the U.S. EPA. In 2012 alone, Americans, with the help of ENERGY STAR, saved \$24 billion on their utility bills and prevented greenhouse gas emissions equal to those of 41 million vehicles. From the first ENERGY STAR qualified computer in 1992, the ENERGY STAR label can now be found on products in more than 65 different categories, with more than 4.5 billion sold over the past 20 years. Over 1.4 million new homes and 20,000 office buildings, schools and hospitals have earned the ENERGY STAR label.

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