



ENERGY STAR® RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS



Dear ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Partner,

To ensure that ENERGY STAR certified homes and apartments continue to provide at least 10 percent savings in states that adopt the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), EPA has developed National Version 3.2 of the ENERGY STAR Single-Family New Homes (SFNH) Program and Version 1.2 of the ENERGY STAR Multifamily New Construction (MFNC) Program. The two primary differences between these versions and their predecessors are a more aggressive performance target and more rigorous thermal backstop.

EPA is announcing a transition to these new program requirements in Florida and Maryland, which have recently adopted more stringent energy efficiency codes such that the current program requirements will no longer provide sufficient savings.

For Florida and Maryland:

- **Single-family homes permitted on or after January 1, 2025, will be required to use National Version 3.2** of the [ENERGY STAR Single-Family New Homes](#) (SFNH) program requirements to be certified.
- **Multifamily buildings permitted on or after January 1, 2027, will be required to use National Version 1.2** of the [ENERGY STAR Multifamily New Construction](#) (MFNC) program requirements to be certified.

These implementation timelines will be reflected on the ENERGY STAR website with the release of the next Revision of the SFNH and MFNC programs in December.

Moving forward, to minimize program complexity and provide greater predictability for partners, EPA intends to specify January 1 as the implementation date for revisions and transitions in program requirements. This will also help to facilitate the implementation of the federal tax credit for efficient new homes, which is based on the calendar year.

Early in 2024, EPA will host a webinar on preparing for ENERGY STAR SFNH National Version 3.2 and MFNC National Version 1.2. More details will be forthcoming.

Please feel free to forward this information to other interested stakeholders who are working in the residential new construction market in these states.

We appreciate your support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Best regards,
The ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction team

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