



ENERGY STAR® RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS



Dear ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Stakeholder,

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 National 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 Illinois and Virginia, which have recently adopted more stringent energy efficiency codes such that the current program requirements will no longer provide sufficient savings. In addition, in Ohio, it is announcing a transition to National Version 1.2 due to the state's adoption of a more stringent multifamily new construction code. In Ohio, single-family homes will continue to be eligible to be certified using National Version 3.1, which continues to deliver sufficient savings relative to the state's new code.

For Illinois and Virginia:

- **Single-family homes permitted on or after January 1, 2026, 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.

For Ohio:

- **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 are reflected on the ENERGY STAR website.

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.

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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