



QUICK TIPS FOR BUILDING ENERGY STAR® AND ZERO ENERGY READY CERTIFIED HOMES

AND QUALIFYING FOR THE FEDERAL 45L TAX CREDIT

We understand that you're committed to building energy-efficient homes that stand out in the market, and we are here to help you do just that. As part of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the 45L Builder Tax Credits offer builders a $2,500 federal tax credit for each new home that meets the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR requirements, and a $5,000 tax credit for each new home that meets the U.S. Department of Energy's Zero Energy Ready Home requirements.

Wondering where to start? Use the guide here to learn more about the process of building ENERGY STAR and Zero Energy Ready certified homes that qualify for the 45L builder tax credits.



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Choose a local Home Energy Rater to work with from the start. Third-party verification is a central part of the ENERGY STAR and Zero Energy Ready programs. To become ENERGY STAR or Zero Energy Ready certified, homes must undergo a series of inspections and final certification from a Home Energy Rater.

We recommend locating a HERS Rater at **www.resnet.us**



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Join ENERGY STAR as a Residential New Construction Partner. It's recommended that a builder become an ENERGY STAR partner. To get started, fill out an ENERGY STAR Partnership Agreement at the link below. There is no cost to partner with ENERGY STAR, and your company will be listed in the ENERGY STAR Contractor Directory.

www.energystar.gov/partner_resources/join_energy_star/new_home_construction



Work with your Home Energy Rater to create an energy model that meets your budget and the 45L performance targets.
To earn certification, a new home must meet strict energy efficiency requirements. Your Home Energy Rater will assess your plans and specifications and recommend potential compliance paths that align with your desired building practices and target budget.

ENERGY STAR Homes Specifications:
https://www.energystar.gov/partner_resources/residential_new/homes_prog_reqs/national_page

Zero Energy Ready Homes Specifications:
https://www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/45l-tax-credits-zero-energy-ready-homes



Source contractor professionals who have the training and certification needed.
By partnering with a local Owens Corning® Certified Energy Expert® professional for the insulation and air sealing portions, you can have peace of mind that your installers have been trained to ensure Grade 1 insulation installation quality on the job.



Begin claiming your tax credits!
Speak with your tax professional on how to claim the 45L tax credits under the Inflation Reduction Act.

Do you have questions?
As your local Owens Corning® Certified Energy Expert® professional, we are here to serve as a trusted consultant throughout the build process. Contact us to discuss your project today.

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