

# ENERGY STAR is also for new homes

When most people hear the words ENERGY STAR, they usually think about energy-efficient appliances. But, did you know that your newly built home can also be qualified as ENERGY STAR?

In 2005, Natural Resources Canada's Office of Energy Efficiency developed the ENERGY STAR for New Homes initiative in support of the federal government's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The program promotes homes that are approximately 20% more energy efficient than a home built to minimum building code requirements.

ENERGY STAR qualified homes are constructed by builders participating in this national initiative and these builders work with qualified energy advisors to incorporate energy efficient features into the design of their new homes. A qualified new home also reduces greenhouse gas emissions by approximately

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More information is available online at [www.newhomes.gc.ca](http://www.newhomes.gc.ca).

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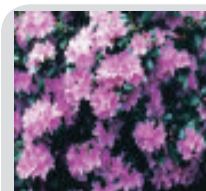


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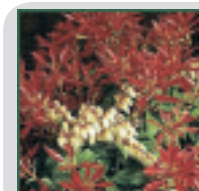


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