



BUILD YOUR NEW HOME with GREAT BEAR BUILDERS

Buying or building a new home is one of the most important investments you will make. Choosing the right builder is as important as the new home you select. Great Bear Builders prides itself on delivering high quality homes that are energy efficient, use water wisely, have great indoor air quality and are built to stand the test of time!

We are ENERGY STAR Partners and all our new homes are built to their standards and receive the Energy Star house label. The benefits of owning an energy star qualified home include:

BETTER FOR YOUR POCKETBOOK – Energy Star homes are 15% more efficient than code built homes, making them some of the most energy efficient homes on the market today. By using less energy our energy star homes cost less to operate, which means more dollars in your pocket month after month. Combined with the potential for higher resale values, our energy star homes represent a smart investment.

BETTER HEATING, COOLING & VENTILATION – Enjoy a home with even temperature throughout the year. Tightly sealed duct work, high performance windows and properly installed insulation make your home more comfortable.

BETTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT – The energy used by all American homes accounts for 20% of the total CO2 emissions. Energy Star certified homes perform better than standard code built homes and require less energy for heating, cooling and hot water. This amounts to reduced air pollution and a healthier environment for everyone.

BETTER FOR YOU – Energy Star homes have healthy indoor air, performance tested duct work keeps the air inside your home cleaner.

In addition, Great Bear Builders has joined the U.S. Department of Energy’s “Builders Challenge”. By joining the challenge we are committed to build homes achieving a 30% energy use reduction over a code built home and Department of Energy’s goal is for 220,000 of these high performance homes to be built by 2012. We are committed to do our part.



Builders Challenge Partner

All of this means that our homeowners not only enjoy lower energy costs and increased comfort, but they have peace of mind knowing that these certifications and our building systems help reduce energy use, water consumption, greenhouse gases, solid waste generation, while creating a home that is ahead of it’s time.

Our partnership commitments don’t stop there. The EPA created Indoor Air Plus to help builders meet the growing consumer preference for homes with improved indoor air quality. EPA developed additional construction specs to help improve indoor air quality in new homes.

HOW DOES A NEW HOME BECOME INDOOR AIR PLUS QUALIFIED?

A builder must first design a home to earn the Energy Star label. To earn the Indoor Air Plus label, the builder then adds up to 30 home design and construction features.



INDOOR AIR PLUS FEATURES

Builders use a variety of construction practices and technologies to reduce indoor air pollutants and improve the indoor air quality in a new home. They include the following:

- Moisture control
- Radon control
- Pest management
- HVAC
- Combustion venting
- Building materials
- Homeowner education

INDOOR AIR PLUS ADVANTAGES

Indoor Air Plus qualified homes have numerous highlights:

- Improved indoor air quality
- Minimize pollutants
- Improve comfort
- Protect against combustion pollutants
- Home maintenance and energy efficient

Indoor Air Plus qualified homes are just great living environments.

One last partnership commitment Great Bear Builders made is to the EPA Water Sense Program. We are committed to building homes that qualify for the Water Sense label. The intent of the program is to reduce indoor and outdoor water usage in new residential homes, thereby lowering consumer utility bills and water and wastewater infrastructure savings. EPA goal is that Water Sense labeled homes will use 20% less water than a code built home. New Water Sense homes must meet criteria in 3 areas:

Indoor water use – including leaks, service pressure, hot water delivery system, toilets, bathroom and kitchen faucets, shower heads, appliances, evaporative cooling systems, water softeners, drinking water treatment systems

Outside water use – landscape and irrigation system

Homeowner education

Build your new dream with Great Bear Builders!