

Building an Energy-Efficient Home?

*Good for you! They have
major advantages, including:*

- **Lower utility bills**
- **Higher resale values**
- **Year-round comfort**
- **Environmental benefits**

Use PSO's official checklist to ensure you get the most efficiency for your money.

**Talk with your homebuilder
about the features on the
back of this card.**

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Here's Your Blueprint for Comfort & Savings



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energy-saving features.*



Slab Edge Insulation:

Properly insulated slabs save energy, control moisture and improve indoor air quality. Slab edge insulation should extend to the very top of the slab.



Insulation:

There are many types of insulation, but the best type is one that is installed properly. A HERS Rater can inspect the insulation before the walls are enclosed with drywall. Attics should be insulated to an R-Value of 38 or higher.



ENERGY STAR® Windows:

Look for ENERGY STAR windows with a low U-factor (0.30 or less) and a low Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (0.25 or less).



ENERGY STAR Appliances:

These products use 10-50% less energy than standard appliances.



High-Efficiency HVAC:

Heating and cooling account for half your energy use. Look for AC units with a SEER rating of 15 or higher and furnaces with a high AFUE rating.



Sealed Ductwork:

Properly sealed ducts keep your home comfortable and save hundreds on utility bills each year by preventing loss of air due to leaks, holes and poor connections. The only true way to know if your ducts are sealed properly is to have them pressure-tested by a HERS Rater.



Home Sealing:

Even new homes can leak air if not properly sealed. The most critical areas are hidden behind the walls. Caulking around electrical penetrations and recessed lights can save significant energy. A HERS Rater inspects these elements throughout construction to ensure your home is as tight as possible.



ENERGY STAR LED Light Bulbs:

These bulbs last 25 times longer than incandescent bulbs and use up to 90% less energy.

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