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# Savvy Builders Save Energy

**H**omebuilders in Pennsylvania now have an additional incentive to build energy-efficient homes. The Pennsylvania Energy Efficient New Homes Program, offered by FirstEnergy's Pennsylvania utilities, provides financial incentives to builders of new homes that are more efficient than code.

For each newly built home served by Met-Ed that achieves 15 percent energy savings over code, the builder is eligible for a rebate of 30¢ for each kilowatt-hour (kWh) saved annually over a reference home built to the standard 2009 International Energy Conservation Code® (IECC). Homes that meet ENERGY STAR® V3.0 certification and achieve a minimum 15 percent energy savings are eligible for greater incentives, with a rebate of 35¢ for each kWh saved annually.

Additional incentives are available for builders of new low-income homes and for manufacturers of ENERGY STAR-certified homes built to the Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards.

For a home to qualify for the program, it must be located within the service area of FirstEnergy's Pennsylvania utilities (Met-Ed, Penelec, Penn Power or West Penn Power). All new-construction homes must be inspected and verified by a certified HERS Rater to qualify for program incentives. ENERGY STAR-certified homes must also complete all V3.0 checklists.

Improvements to a home's building envelope and installed equipment that can result in energy savings include: effective insulation systems, tightly sealed construction, efficient HVAC equipment, high-performance windows and efficient lighting and appliances. Through an industry-certified, third-party inspection of each participating home, a HERS Index score is provided to the homeowner. A lower score means less wasted energy.

There are many reasons why a builder should get involved with the Pennsylvania Energy Efficient New Homes Program. Energy-efficient homes, and ENERGY STAR-certified homes in particular, have shown to sell faster and for more money than comparable non-certified homes (based on average sales price and time on the market). Builders who participate in the program will also receive free technical training, marketing materials and recognition on the program's website.

In today's housing market, homebuyers look at many houses and weigh countless options before they ultimately choose the house that they will call home. Partner with the Pennsylvania Energy Efficient New Homes Program to build more efficient houses that stand out from the rest, providing homebuyers with more comfortable, durable and efficient homes.



For more information go to [energysavepa-newhomes.com](http://energysavepa-newhomes.com) or contact:

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