



BUILDING AN ENERGY EFFICIENT HOME

Are you looking at building an energy efficient home but don't know the right questions to ask your builder or architect? This checklist will help you start the process and point you in the direction of some helpful programs so you can save energy and money.

Consider the following:

- Choose a builder with experience and expertise in building energy efficient homes! A great resource to get started is the **Registered Energy Efficient Builder Program** in NB. Their website links proactive consumers to our region's most highly-trained builders and renovators for beautiful net-zero homes.
- In Canada, there are a range of energy efficiency certifications for new builds. These include ENERGY STAR® ratings, R-2000 ratings, EnerGuide ratings, Passive House, as well as net zero certifications. Ask your builder to explain the difference and choose the one that's right for you.
- Ask your builder for examples of their work that meet the rating system you'd like your home to align with.



A key component of finalizing your build are the appliances you install. To ensure you're making the most of your energy efficient home, look for ENERGY STAR® appliances that run efficiently and save energy every day.



Consider asking your builder the following questions:

- Have you worked with **NB Power's New Home Energy Savings Program** before? The program includes custom recommendations and access to up to *\$10,000 in incentives for energy efficiency improvements*.
- What makes your homes different from other builders? Everyone must meet the same building code requirements, so understanding these differences is important.
- Do you affix a government-backed energy label and rating to the homes you build?
- Do you work with independent, licensed professionals to do an inspection of the homes you build?
- Is the heating system we're talking about energy efficient and does it qualify for incentives through the New Home Energy Savings Program?
- How do you keep up on the latest federal and provincial incentives to make sure we take advantage of funding available for my home?

For more information on the **NEW HOME ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM** from NB Power and how you can save more money,

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