

2026 Efficiency Vermont Awards

BEST OF THE BEST

RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION

GENERAL AWARD INFORMATION

AWARD CATEGORIES

Do you have a project that went above and beyond standard energy efficiency practices? If so, we want to hear about it. All entries will be considered for Best of the Best in Market Rate and Affordable single family and multi-family Residential New Construction.

SCHEDULE

- **Entries are due January 30, 2026.** There is no entry fee.
- Judging will be completed in February, and winners will be notified by late February.
- Awards will be presented at the Better Building by Design 2026 conference, taking place May 6-7, 2026

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a single family detached or attached home (up to 4 units) or multi-family (5 units or more). If submitting an attached home in the single-family category, please specify which unit within the larger project is under consideration or if it is the entire building.
- Must have successfully completed the project with Efficiency Vermont between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2025.
- All information and materials submitted with the application must be released and cleared for public reproduction.

SUBMISSION FORMAT

Email to Efficiency Vermont:

1. A fully completed entry form, including a detailed description of the project
2. Digital media (see details below)

DIGITAL MEDIA

Please include images highlighting key aspects of the project. Images may include photos, sketches, graphs, etc.

- Up to 10 images are allowed. Photos must be high-resolution. Please include photo credit(s) with submission.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Best of the Best: demonstration of a comprehensive approach to energy-efficient new construction (building envelope details, mechanical/ventilation systems...) We also consider non-energy features such as healthy homes elements, climate resilience, adherence to best building science practices and any other features unique to this project).

RECOGNITION

All entries will be showcased at Efficiency Vermont's Better Buildings by Design 2026 conference on May 6-7, 2026

In addition, each award winner will receive the following:

- Recognition during the keynote address of the Better Buildings by Design 2026 conference (Day 1- May 6).
- Detailed project poster, created by Efficiency Vermont and showcased at Better Buildings by Design 2026
- Promotion in Efficiency Vermont's annual insert in Vermont Business Magazine.
- Promotion on the Efficiency Vermont website.
- One complimentary registration for Better Buildings by Design 2026.