

Building your new home

with Efficiency Vermont

Specifications & Incentives

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The logo for Efficiency Vermont, featuring the word "Efficiency" in a white sans-serif font above the word "Vermont" in a similar font. A white curved line underlines the "Vermont" text. The logo is positioned in the bottom center of the page, which has a dark blue background with a green curved shape above it.

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Where does **your project** fit in?

| Requirements & Incentives | Efficiency Vermont Certified: Base | Efficiency Vermont Certified: High Performance |
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| Appliances | ENERGY STAR® certified (refrigerator, dishwasher, and clothes washer) | |
| Slab edge insulation | R-15, 4 ft. (unheated slab on grade); R-15 (heated slab, full perimeter) | R-30 (slab on grade); R-20 (unheated, below grade) |
| Insulation under slab | R-15 under heated slab | R-30 (slab on grade); R-20 (unheated, below grade) |
| Foundation wall insulation | R-15 continuous <u>or</u> R-20 cavity | R-30 |
| Floor insulation (exposed) | R-38 cavity <u>or</u> R-30+5 (cavity + continuous) | R-40 |
| Ceiling insulation | R-49 sloped <u>or</u> R-60 flat | R-60 |
| Insulation installation | Grade I | |
| Wall insulation and band joist | Minimum R-5 continuous; total minimum R-26 ¹ | R-40 |
| Air leakage | ≤ 2 ACH50 | ≤ 1 ACH50 |
| Ventilation | High-efficiency fresh air system. Qualifying unit <i>must</i> be installed ² | High-efficiency fresh air system plus enhanced kitchen ventilation. Ask your energy consultant for details. Qualifying unit <i>must</i> be installed ² |
| Lighting | 95% ENERGY STAR certified bulbs/fixtures | |
| Windows | U-0.28 or less | U-0.21 or less |
| Doors | U-0.28 or less | U-0.25 or less |
| Heating and cooling equipment⁴ | ENERGY STAR certified; all distribution/ductwork fully in conditioned space ³ Heat pumps must be listed on NEEP's heat pump list ⁴ | |
| Water heating | ENERGY STAR certified | |
| Bathroom water fixtures | At least 2/3 of all toilets, showerheads, and sink faucets meet WaterSense requirements | 100% of all toilets, showerheads, and sink faucets meet WaterSense requirements |
| Incentive | \$2,500 | \$3,000 |
| All-electric bonus (see back for details) | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |

| Services Provided | Efficiency Vermont Certified: Base | Efficiency Vermont Certified: High Performance |
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| Home Energy Rating Certificate with HERS Index | ✓ | ✓ |
| Design review and consultation | ✓ | ✓ |
| Design meeting | ✓ | ✓ |
| Preliminary energy rating | | ✓ |
| Preliminary blower door test | | ✓ |
| Thermal enclosure inspection (before drywall) | Site Visit Required (see Step 2 below) | |
| Vermont RBES certificate | ✓ | ✓ |
| Stretch Code assistance | ✓ | ✓ |
| Final verification including blower door test | Site Visit Required | |

Meeting the State of Vermont's Residential Building Energy Standards is required to receive incentives.

After you enroll your project

1. An Energy Consultant will be assigned to your project, and will contact you to provide technical assistance and conduct the required inspections.
2. The first required inspection happens after insulation is completed, but **before any drywall goes up**. Please schedule this inspection at least a week in advance.
3. Once the home is complete, a final inspection—including a blower door test—will be conducted.



If you are interested in ENERGY STAR Homes certification, ask your Energy Consultant for details.

Washington Electric Cooperative and Vermont Gas Systems customers are eligible to receive additional incentives. See back page for details. Incentives for projects within the city of Burlington are paid by Burlington Electric Department.

¹ Overall wall R-value varies by assembly detail; ask Energy Consultant for strategies that take moisture safety into account

² Unit must be installed within the thermal envelope and supply fresh air to all bedrooms at minimum. Ask Energy Consultant for full requirements for Base and High Performance levels. Qualifying units are listed at www.energycertification.com/hrv-erv. Please note that not all ENERGY STAR products qualify.

³ Boiler minimum 94% AFUE; boilers and furnaces must have programmable thermostats

⁴ Heat pumps must meet cold climate testing requirements. Qualifying units can be found at www.energycertification.com/heat-pump-system

⁵ The Electric Vehicle Ready Homes Guide is found at plugincc.com/resources.

Additional Incentive Details

| | Vermont Gas Systems Customers* | Washington Electric Cooperative Customers |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Completion incentive | \$600 | \$1,000 |
| Drain water heat recovery system | \$300 | NA |

*Cannot be combined with VGS heating and water heating system rebates.

All-electric bonus: Efficiency Vermont Certified Homes (off-grid without generator included, ZEM excluded) that meet **each** of the following requirements qualify for a \$1,000 bonus:

- All-electric appliances
- No gas connection or fuel storage tank
- All-electric heating (heat pump), cooling, and domestic hot water equipment. Biomass is acceptable as a backup (only) provided all-electric primary system can meet 100% of heating load
- Electric Vehicle-Ready Level 2 outlet or charging station (240V, min. 40A) installed on site at parking location.¹

For sites with good solar access, rough-in for future photovoltaic (PV) panels is encouraged but not required.

¹If a charging station is not installed, dedicated service must be installed to the parking location and terminated in either a junction box or 240 plug (NEMA 6-50 or NEMA 14-50). [This guide⁵](#) provides further details and recommendations for outlet/charger placement, lighting, etc.

Efficient product rebates: On qualifying appliances and devices. Ask your Energy Consultant for details.

Technical support: Enrollees who are not interested in or able to meet the Efficiency Vermont Certification requirements may contact the Energy Code Assistance Center at 1-855-887-0673 (toll-free).

Income assistance: Homeowners meeting income qualifications may be eligible for up to \$3,000 in additional Efficiency Vermont incentives. Ask your Energy Consultant for details.

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