

ENERGY STAR® New Homes Program Overview



The ENERGY STAR New Homes Program is supported in Illinois by the Ameren Illinois Utilities to promote the benefits of homes with high levels of comfort, indoor air quality and energy efficiency. The ENERGY STAR New Homes Program is based on an energy-efficiency standard developed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Services and Incentives help you build an ENERGY STAR Home—a home nationally recognized for greater value, lower operating costs, increased durability, comfort and safety.

Gas heated homes served with natural gas from the Ameren Illinois Utilities are eligible for the ENERGY STAR New Homes Program. Working in partnership with the builder, a participating Home Energy Rater will assess the energy efficiency of the new home and provide on-site verification services. Your home will be assessed using the National Performance Path. This is a flexible approach that allows a builder to “trade off” aspects of a home’s energy-efficiency features using the Home Energy Rating System (HERS). This path also verifies successful compliance for the \$2,000 federal tax credit.

ENERGY STAR Homes Program Benefits and Services include:

- ✓ ENERGY STAR Homes Qualification
- ✓ Energy modeling, design assistance
- ✓ Verification report for Federal Tax Credit
- ✓ Marketing
- ✓ On-site training
- ✓ LEED® for Homes point verification

Incentives:

- For each home constructed that meets ENERGY STAR guidelines for energy efficiency, the Ameren Illinois Utilities will pay an incentive of \$450 if the home uses gas provided by the Ameren Illinois Utilities as its primary heat source and an additional \$200 if the home also uses electricity provided by the Ameren Illinois Utilities.
- Incentives will also be paid for efficient equipment and other measures. An independent verification by a qualified Home Energy Rater is required.

Process:

1. The Builder signs the Ally Agreement with the Ameren Illinois Utilities.
2. The Builder selects a participating Home Energy Rater and completes the EPA Partnership Agreement.
3. The Rater reviews the home plans and works with the builder to make any needed changes to assure the home will meet the minimum program requirements.
4. The Rater enrolls the Project in the ENERGY STAR New Homes Program.
5. The Builder receives an Enrollment Confirmation from the Ameren Illinois Utilities verifying the availability of incentives.
6. The Rater conducts the required site inspections and testing to verify the home meets the Program requirements.
7. The Rater submits a Data Collection Form and the REM Rate file to the Ameren Illinois Utilities.
8. Incentives are paid by the Ameren Illinois Utilities to the Builder.

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