

LEED®-ing The Way

We are constantly seeking new ways to expand our green building practices. Our LEED® Certified homes (available in select neighborhoods) meet the U.S. EPA's Indoor airPLUS specifications and feature water-efficient fixtures, LED lighting, energy-efficient heating and cooling systems, Energy Star® appliances, Wi-Fi enabled, programmable thermostats and much more. LEED® is the U.S. Green Building Council's verification system that measures compliance across numerous areas of environmental sustainability. According to the USGBC, LEED® homes are designed to use 30 to 50* percent less energy than typical homes.



LEED for Homes is a rating system that promotes the design and construction of high-performance green homes. Administered by the U.S. Green Building Council, LEED certification offers a holistic approach to sustainability and emphasizes strategies for better environmental and health performance.

Some of the world's most important buildings use LEED such as: the Willis Tower in Chicago, the Dell Children's Hospital in Austin, the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, the Empire State Building—and even your local Starbucks—are using LEED to design, construct, operate and maintain their buildings. LEED buildings are constructed using designs and processes aimed at saving energy, water and money, and providing healthier and more comfortable indoor environments for the people who use them.

THERE'S GREEN AND THEN THERE'S LEED®

FACT: The EPA estimates that indoor air is between two and 10 times more polluted than outdoor air, so it is critical that your home have good ventilation that minimizes indoor pollutants and hazards. LEED-certified homes require proper ventilation, high efficiency air filters and measures to reduce the possibility of mold and mildew.



SAVINGS

LEED-certified homes are built to be highly energy-efficient, ensuring that your home can comfortably heat and cool itself with minimal energy usage. Each LEED home is individually tested to minimize envelope and ductwork leakage, and care is taken from the design and selection of materials, through the installation of all products and major systems.



WELL BEING

We are all concerned about our family's health and safety. Not only does a LEED-certified home encourage the use of environmentally-preferable products when possible, they are built to ensure that construction waste is minimized, lessening the impact on the world around us.



VALUE

A home is the single largest purchase most families will make, and a green designation helps add to its value. Homes that are more energy efficient, save water and are healthier, are in high demand. In fact*:

- + Consumers ranked green/energy efficiency as their top requirement for their dream home (higher than 'beachfront' or 'gated community').
- + 60% said that green and energy efficient are amenities they want in their next home.

*Weston, Rusty. "Yahoo! Study: American Dream Homes Turn Green." Yahoo! Real Estate (2011).



TRUSTED

To ensure that your home is built to an exacting green standard, each LEED-certified home is inspected and tested by the third party non-profit organization: the U.S. Green Building Council. Onsite inspections, detailed documentation review and performance are required in every LEED-certified home—so you can trust that your home is truly green.

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