

Overview of Builder Benefits

Participate in the ENERGY STAR® for New Homes Program

You can get financial incentives and federal tax credits for building new ENERGY STAR certified homes. To date, over 60 participating builders have constructed 35,000+ ENERGY STAR certified homes across central Maryland, delivering greater comfort, savings and satisfaction to homeowners.

Earn financial incentives

Homes with select ENERGY STAR certifications with 100% LED installation are eligible for the following:

Housing Type	Certification Level		
	ENERGY STAR Version 3.1	ENERGY STAR Version 3.2	ENERGY STAR NextGen All-Electric
Single-Family Detached	\$1,250	\$1,950	\$3,950
Townhouse or Duplex	\$750	\$1,400	\$3,400
Two-on-Two Condo	\$550	\$675	\$2,675
Multifamily Low Rise	\$400	\$600	\$2,600

Optional Upgrades for Version 3.1 and 3.2	Bonus
ENERGY STAR Heat Pump Water Heater	+ \$1,000
High-Efficiency Heat Pump, >15.2 SEER2, >8.5 HSPF2	+ \$450
High-Efficiency Air Conditioner, >15.2 SEER2	+ \$200
HVAC Grade I Quality Install	+ \$150
ENERGY STAR Smart Thermostat	+ \$75

Homes permitted on and after January 1, 2025, will have to meet ENERGY STAR v3.2 and have 100% LEDs.

Get technical training

You can benefit from on-site technical training, along with your firm's builders, project managers, supervisors and subcontractors. Training will help you comply with Maryland's energy code regulations, particularly those related to insulation and air sealing. Training also provides best practices for HVAC contractors to help increase customer satisfaction.

Receive sales and marketing support

You can get direct marketing support and professional sales training, helping you engage in informed and effective discussions about the advantages of ENERGY STAR homes to buyers. You'll also be added to our online list of participating homebuilders, accessible to over 1.3 million electric customers.

Go further with ENERGY STAR NextGen™

When you build to ENERGY STAR NextGen standards, you'll install leading-edge electric technologies like multi-speed heat pumps and pre-wiring for Level 2 EV chargers. You can earn up to \$3,950 in financial incentives for homes that meet NextGen requirements, and federal tax credits of up to \$2,500 per home.*

Visit BGESmartEnergy.com/Builder, scan the QR code or call **410-290-1214**.

*Please contact a tax professional or CPA to confirm details specific to your qualifications and eligibility.

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