



Drees Homes has earned the ENERGY STAR® Saving you 15-30% on your utility bills!

Drees Homes is proud to offer new homes that have earned the ENERGY STAR label. ENERGY STAR qualified homes are 15-30% more energy efficient than other newly built homes. Our ENERGY STAR homes are independently verified to ensure they meet the US Department of Energy's energy efficiency guidelines.

What is ENERGY STAR?

The ENERGY STAR program was created by the US Department of Energy and EPA to help consumers easily identify products, homes and buildings that save energy and money and help protect the environment. This government-backed, trusted symbol identifies highly efficient products and designates superior performance in homes and buildings.



How Do We Make Your Home Energy Efficient?

Drees special energy efficiency features keep cold drafts out and your heating budget in. Here are just a few of the many energy efficient features we include:

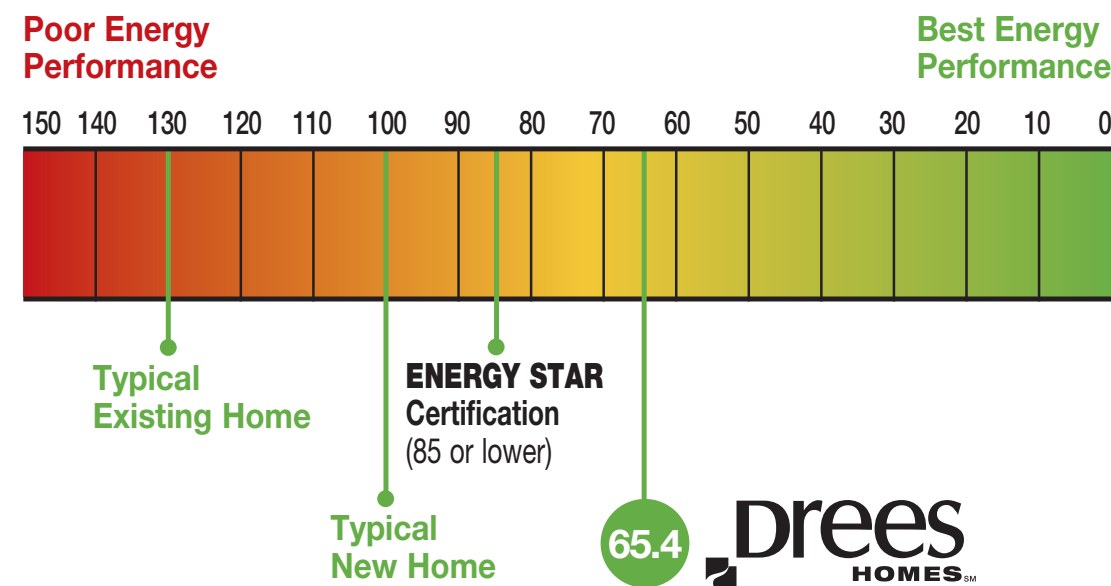
- Bryant® Plus 90i variable speed furnaces that are up to 96% energy efficient to improve comfort and lower utility bills
- Hot water power vent heater so efficient you can grab the exhaust vent without getting burned.
- Whisper-quiet Bryant® Puron™ air conditioner with a 13+ Seasonal Energy Efficiency Rating (SEER)
- Windows standard with Low E glass and argon gas to reduce discoloration of carpet and furnishings from incoming UV light.
- R-40 insulated and weather sealed attic access
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- Insulated window and door headers
- Housewrap with Dow Weathermate Plus™
- Sealed and insulated air ducts to minimize pollen, pests, dust and drafts
- Low air infiltration and blower door testing by an independent third-party energy tester.
- ENERGY STAR certification of 100% of our homes.

Drees Earns a "5 Stars Plus" ENERGY STAR Rating.

Drees not only has earned the ENERGY STAR, we've gone a step further. A home can earn the ENERGY STAR by scoring 85 or less on the US Department of Energy's EnergySmart Home Energy Rating Scale (HERS) when tested by a third-party energy rater. The ENERGY STAR program further defines a home's performance by awarding 5 Stars and 5 Stars Plus ratings.

Please refer to the chart below. A 5 Star rating means that the home scored an 85-71 on the HERS index. A 5 Stars Plus rating, indicates that the home's HERS score was 70 or less. Drees average HERS rating is 65.4.*

U.S. Department of Energy EnergySmart Home Scale

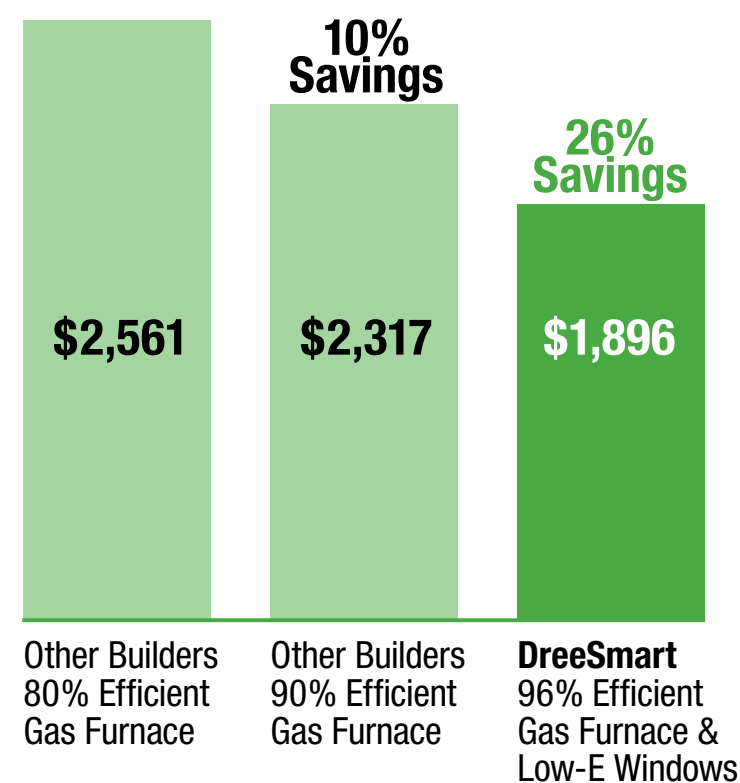


*The vast majority of Drees Homes are in the Hallmark and Executive Series. These homes scored 65.4 on average on the HERS index, qualifying them for the 5-stars plus ENERGY STAR rating. Drees Select Series homes earned a 5 star ENERGY STAR rating.

How Much Money Will I Save with a Drees Home Versus an Existing Home or Another Typical New Home?

You could save as much as \$665 per year compared to a newly built home where the windows do not have the Low E coating, are not sealed with Argon gas, and the furnace is 80% efficient. When you add in differences in how the homes are insulated and sealed, the savings increase from there.

Annual Energy Cost Comparison



Energy analysis compares different types of gas furnaces if used in a Drees Preston plan based on Elite Software Energy Audit. Cost per therm used in analysis is \$1.68. Drees total includes an assumed \$128 in additional annual savings based on use of Low-E windows.

