

# California New Homes Program



When it comes to buying a new home, purchasing an energy-efficient home is a smart choice. Homes qualified under the California New Homes Program provide you with the daily comforts of a quality home plus ongoing monthly energy savings through energy-efficient features.



Greater Comfort  
Higher Quality  
Lower Cost



## Homes that Save Energy, Money, and the Environment.

A home that is qualified under the SCE California New Homes Program (CANHP) is significantly more energy efficient than a standard home. By purchasing a CANHP qualified home, you can have all the features you desire in your new home, plus lower utilities bills – all the while helping to protect the environment by conserving California’s precious energy resources.

## You Have the Power to Save.

Home buying is complex enough without having to know all the details of energy efficient construction. The CANHP encourages you to look for the government backed ENERGY STAR® label to easily identify homes that are third-party verified as being truly energy efficient. Talk to your builder about incorporating energy-saving features such as effective insulation, high-performance windows, tight construction, tight ducts, more efficient heating and cooling equipment, and independent testing into your home.



## HOME OWNER BENEFITS

### Lower Ownership Cost

Compared with standard construction, CANHP qualified homes use substantially less energy for heating, cooling, and water heating – reducing monthly energy bills by at least 15%. Over the average 7 to 8 years you may live in your home, this adds up to thousands of dollars saved on utility bills. Additional savings on maintenance can also be substantial.

### Better Performance

Properly installed energy-efficient improvements can deliver better protection against cold, heat, drafts, moisture, pollution, and noise. An energy-efficient home typically employs features to ensure consistent temperatures between and across rooms, improved indoor air quality, and greater durability.

### Smart Investment

Choosing a CANHP qualified home is simply a smart home-buying decision. In addition to having lower energy bills, a more comfortable and quieter home, by choosing a home with the ENERGY STAR®, you can be confident that it will have an increasingly valued feature when the time comes to sell.

### Environmental Protection

Did you know that your home can be a greater source of pollution than your car? In fact, about 17% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions are generated from the energy

used in houses nationwide. Energy used in our homes often comes from the burning of fossil fuels at power plants, which contribute to smog, acid rain, and global warming. Simply put, the less energy we use in our homes, the less air pollution we generate.



For more information about the SCE California New Homes Program and for a list of participating homebuilders visit us at: [www.sce.com/builder](http://www.sce.com/builder)

## Save Even More Once You’ve Moved In

Buying an energy-efficient home is the first of many wise choices you can make to have a comfortable home and save on your utility costs. Slight changes in your everyday habits can also reduce your energy bill.

### The Basics

- Replace regular light bulbs with CFLs. Turn off lights in empty rooms.
- Many appliances continue to draw a small amount of power when they are switched off. These “phantom” loads occur in most appliances that use

electricity, such as VCRs, televisions, stereos, computers, and kitchen appliances. Unplug appliances when not in use, or use a power strip to cut all power to appliances.

### Refrigerator/Food storage

- Open the door only long enough to get the food you need.
- Recycle second refrigerators and freezers that are frequently empty.

### Dishwashing

- Run only full loads, use the energy-saver setting, and let load air dry.

### Clothes Washing and Drying

- Wash full loads and use cold water, when possible.
- Dry full loads and clean filter after each load.

### Air Conditioning and Heating

- Keep your air conditioner at 78° and furnace at 68°.
- Close windows and doors when either air conditioner or heater is on.
- Close window coverings to keep the sun’s heat out.
- Use ENERGY STAR® qualified ceiling and portable fans to cool your home.
- Use ENERGY STAR® programmable thermostats to save energy while you’re away.



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