



The Built Green name adds value to new home construction by promoting and recognizing the use of practices and products that represents resource-efficient and environmentally friendly construction.

The primary purpose of Built Green Canada is to encourage homebuilders to use technologies, products and practices that will:

- Provide greater energy efficiency and reduce pollution
  - Provide healthier indoor air
    - Reduce water usage
    - Preserve natural resources
- Improve durability and reduce maintenance

The program concentrates on four areas of environmental concern:

- Energy Efficiency
- Indoor Air Quality
- Resource Use (including Waste Management)
- Overall Environmental Impact

Members and home buyers have the flexibility of choosing their level of participation, thereby offering broader appeal. Bronze represents the minimum of achievement level, Silver is the next level, and Gold is the third level of recognition. As of January 1, 2008 the Platinum level is the highest level of achievement in the Built Green program.



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**The Built Green™ Checklist provides the foundation of the program's four achievement levels criteria. This includes:**

1. Rating and labeling the home through Natural Resources Canada's EnerGuide for New Houses initiative; the mandatory energy efficiency component of the Built Green™ Checklist
2. A menu offering a wide variety of options addressing a range of "green" items from which the builder selects a minimum number to meet a chosen achievement level. Approved Supplier/Manufacturer member products that correspond to the Built Green™ Checklist are listed in our product catalogue.

Checklist Categories			Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
EnerGuide for New Houses Rating			72	75	77	82
I.	Operational Systems	Min. 10/84	76 Points	90 Points	100 Points	120 Points
II.	Building Materials	Min. 15/72				
III.	Exterior & Interior Finishes	Min. 10/70				
IV.	Indoor Air Quality	Min. 15/58				
V.	Ventilation	Min. 6/24				
VI.	Waste Management	Min. 7/35				
VII.	Water Conservation	Min. 7/50				
VIII.	Business Practices	Min. 6/30				

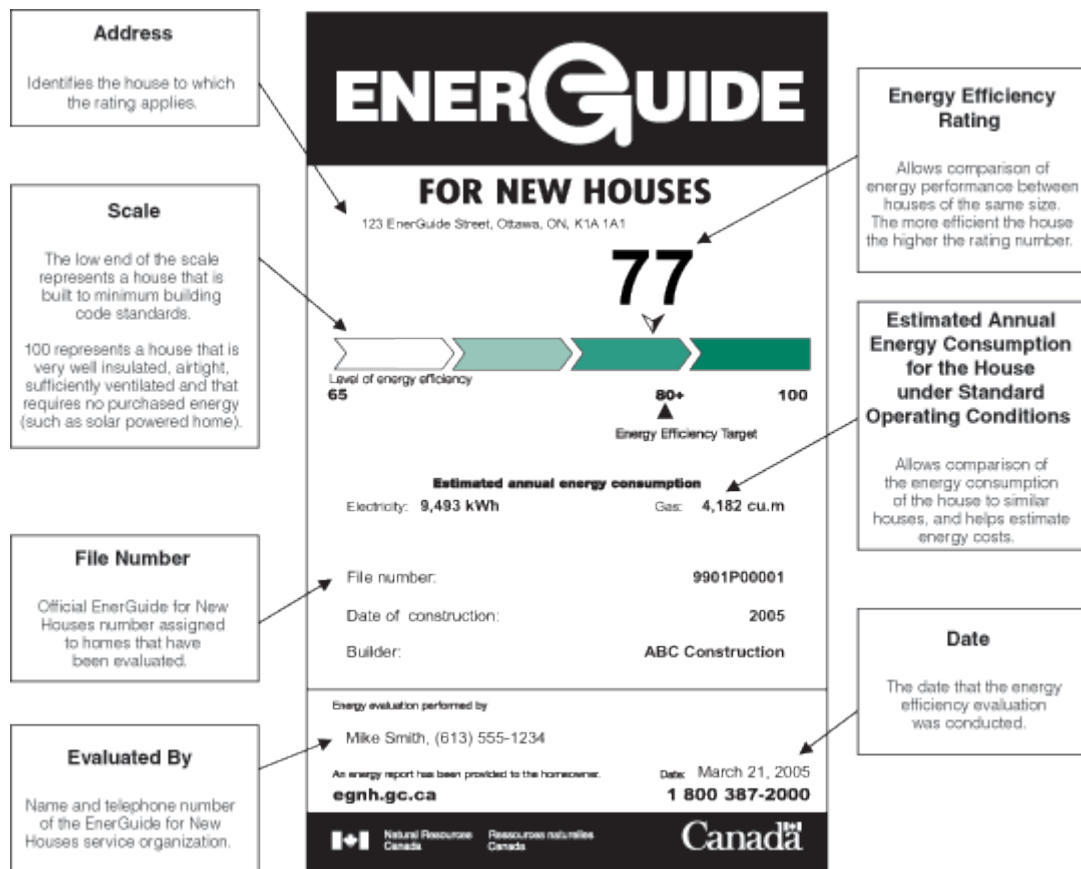
Built Green Canada Members have the opportunity to submit requests for changes (additions, deletions, point value, etc.) to the Built Green™ Checklist using the Checklist Change Request Form. The Checklist and the Checklist change requests are reviewed annually. The revised checklist is effective January 1 of each year.

The Built Green™ Certified Builder enrolls the new home on behalf of the purchaser/owner. (Or in the name of the builder in the case of a spec or show home.) Each home enrollment must include 1) the completed Home Enrollment Form, 2) the completed Checklist and 3) both HOT2000 "before" (Plan) and "after" (New) files.

To verify the energy efficiency, the builder schedules a blower door test/inspection for every home, conducted only by a trained and licensed third-party consultant (a Certified Energy Advisor) just prior to possession. A blower door test takes about an hour to complete. Work in the home can continue while the test is underway as long as all the windows and doors are closed. The builder is responsible for ensuring the house meets the minimum requirements.

Upon completion of construction and a satisfactory blower door test/inspection, the builder will receive an EnerGuide for New Houses rating label and report together

with an official Built Green™ seal for the new home. The EnerGuide label and Built Green™ seal are affixed to the furnace in the new home to provide assurance of its Built Green™ status to the new as well as future owners.



To confirm selected checklist items are being included in the homes, 5% of enrolled homes will be audited at random during different phases of construction. The audit can consist of a consultant visiting the home to confirm the Checklist items or the builder may be requested to submit documentation and/or certificates as outlined on the Checklist.

Only those homes registered in the program that successfully achieve the program criteria may receive the Built Green™ designation. Look for the Built Green™ seal to identify a Built Green™ home.

### EnerGuide for Houses Rating Chart

Type of House	Rating
Older house not upgraded	0 - 50
Upgraded old house	51 - 65
Energy-efficient upgraded old house or typical new house	66 - 74
Energy-efficient new house	75 - 79
Highly energy-efficient new house (For a brand new house, a rating of 80 or higher is excellent.)	80 - 90
An "advanced house" that uses little or no purchased energy	91 - 100

