



Green is good!

Frequently Asked Questions

1. So what exactly is a David Weekley Green Home?

We combined the benefits of building science research with the Gold Level requirements for the *Environments For Living*® program.

2. Are we Energy Star® certified, too?

Yes, we are still an Energy Star certified builder, although homes certified by *Environments For Living* exceed Energy Star requirements! (See below for additional information).

3. What is *Environments For Living*?

The *Environments For Living* program has combined the major features of building science for the benefit of America's Homebuyers. The major features are a more comfortable, healthier and more energy-efficient home. The program's energy use and comfort guarantee promises potential savings, comfort and durability.

4. Why did we choose the *Environments For Living* Gold program?

There are so many claims to being "green," we felt that a national program with a great reputation would be the right choice and be more credible to our Homebuyers and Homeowners.

5. Are there different levels of the *Environments For Living* program?

Yes, there are different levels in the *Environments For Living* program. The first level is Silver and the second level is Gold (energy reduction). The top-tier level programs are Diamond (higher energy focus) and Certified Green (more emphasis on water conservation).

6. Why did David Weekley Homes choose the Gold Level?

It's a win-win-win for David Weekley Homes, our Customers and the environment. Approximately 80% of all environmental damage is caused by energy production and consumption. If we reduce the amount of energy needed, there is less damage to the environment. Less energy needed for our homes means less dollars out of our Homeowners' pocketbooks!

7. How much better are homes at the Gold Level?

Homes at the *Environments For Living* Gold Level can save up to 15% more energy (heating and air conditioning) usage than a similar home built to 2004 building code standards.

8. Does the *Environments For Living* Gold Level go above and beyond Energy Star?

Yes. Like *Environments For Living*, Energy Star standards are approximately 15% better than a home built to 2004 energy code standards, but *Environments For Living* also considers other areas that will help our environment.

9. What is the *Environments For Living* Guarantee?

Each home that closes will be given a certificate that indicates the average yearly maximum energy usage for heating and air conditioning (only) to be guaranteed by *Environments For Living*. This will vary based on the size, number of windows, etc., per home.

10. What if the Homeowner exceeds the average yearly maximum for heat and air for the year?

Environments For Living will take a look at the situation and if there is no issue, *Environments For Living* will reimburse the Homeowner the stated cost difference, if the Homeowner has complied with the terms of the *Environments For Living* Guarantee.

In the 21st century if it's not green, it's just not a good investment.

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