



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 Diamond Level requirements for the *Environments For Living*[®] program.

2. Are we Energy Star[®] Certified, too?

Yes, we are still an Energy Star Builder although homes certified by *Environments For Living* exceed Energy Star Requirements! (See below for additional information on how much better.)

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

6. Why did David Weekley Homes choose the Diamond 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 Homeowner's pocketbooks!

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

Homes at the *Environments For Living* Diamond Level can save up to 50% more in energy (heating and air conditioning) usage than a similar home built to 2004 building code standards.

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

Yes. Energy Star standards are only approximately 15% better than a home built in 2004.

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 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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