



Green is Good in Houston

Frequently Asked Questions

1. So what exactly is a David Weekley EnergySaver™ home in Houston?

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

2. Are we ENERGY STAR® 3.0 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 provides a rigorous set of requirements for home builders who've made a commitment to go the extra mile. It's a program that treats a home as a "system of systems" that work together, with limited guarantees on heating and cooling energy usage. A home built under the *Environments For Living* program is an energy-efficient home that has been constructed using the principles of building science — each home offers energy efficiency, indoor environmental quality and durability benefits.

4. Why did David Weekley Homes choose the *Environments For Living* program?

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

5. Why did you specifically choose the *Environments For Living* Platinum Level?

It's a win-win-win for everyone: us, you – 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 money (or fewer dollars) out of your pocketbook!

6. How much better are homes at the Platinum Level?

Homes at the *Environments For Living* Platinum Level in Houston are on average 40% more energy efficient than a home built in 2006.

7. 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.

8. What if I exceed the average yearly maximum for heat and air conditioning usage?

If you exceed the guarantee, *Environments For Living* will take a look at the situation. If there is no issue, they will reimburse the difference, as long as you have complied with the terms of the *Environments For Living* guarantee.

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