



Green is Good in Raleigh

Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

2. **Are you 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!

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 comfort and heating and cooling energy use. A home built under the *Environments For Living* program is an energy-efficient home that has been constructed using the principles of building science – homes that offer 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 in Raleigh at the *Environments For Living* Platinum Level 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?**

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.

9. **Why do you use conditioned crawlspaces?**

Conditioned crawlspaces perform better than vented crawlspaces in terms of durability and energy consumption. Replacing crawlspace vents with an exhaust fan and drawing house air in to condition the crawlspace reduces moisture problems and can improve energy efficiency.

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