

Home Buyers Energy Checklist

Use the following checklist to compare homes you visit.

MEASURE	Recommendation	Home #1	Home #2	Home #3
Homeowner Actions				
Thermal Inspection	Yes			
Corrections Made	Yes			
Re-inspected	Good Idea			
Energy Efficient Mortgage	Good Idea			
Provides Owner's Manuals	Yes			
Blower-door test within leakage limits	Yes			
Heating and Cooling Equipment				
ENERGY STAR qualified A/C or 13 SEER or greater	Yes			
ENERGY STAR qualified heat pump	Yes			
ENERGY STAR qualified furnace of AFUE 90	Yes			
ENERGY STAR qualified programmable thermostat	Yes			
Equipment sized according to industry standards	Yes			
Insulation				
Installed behind tubs, landings and other hard to reach places	Yes			
No voids or compressed batts	Yes			
Rim joists are insulated	Yes			
Canned lighting rated as airtight and for insulated ceiling (ICAT)	Yes			
Attic access weather-stripped and insulated				
Ventilation				
Controlled fresh air provided in the house	Yes			
Quiet Exhaust vents in bathrooms	Yes			
Quiet Exhaust (not recirculating) vents in the kitchen	Yes			
Supply and return air vents or paths in bedrooms	Yes			
Windows				
ENERGY STAR qualified windows, door and skylights	Yes			
Windows flashed to help repel water	Yes			
Windows rated 0.35 U-factor and 0.35 SHGC	Yes			

Moisture Management				
Overhangs and gutters direct water away from structure	Yes			
Ground slopes away from house	Yes			
Housewrap of building paper covers exterior sheathing in wood framed houses	Yes			
Combustion Appliances				
Combustion appliance exhausts vented to the outside (except ovens)	Yes			
Hardwired carbon monoxide monitors included for every 1000 square feet of living space if combustion appliances or an attached garage are present	Yes			
More to look for to increase energy efficiency				
ENERGY STAR qualified light fixtures	Good Idea			
ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerator	Good Idea			
ENERGY STAR qualified dishwasher	Good Idea			
ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washer	Good Idea			
Your important features				



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