

# SBRA Modular Home Update for ENERGY STAR® Qualified Homes

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## Update on Development of the Version 3 ENERGY STAR Program for Modular Homes

Much of the information circulating about the forthcoming changes for **ENERGY STAR for Modular Homes** is confusing and contradictory. This is where things stand now.

**ENERGY STAR Version 2.5 (v2.5)** is currently in effect. Modular homes sold after October 1, 2011 must comply with the v2.5 program guidelines, which are posted on the SBRA website: [www.research-alliance.org/pages/es\\_mod.htm](http://www.research-alliance.org/pages/es_mod.htm).

**ENERGY STAR Version 3 (v3)** will go into effect on July 1, 2012, but only for site built homes. The release of ENERGY STAR v3 for Modular Homes will be delayed. As soon as EPA announces the v3 release date for modular homes, we will send out an announcement.

The v3 technical requirements were established by EPA and can be found on the ENERGY STAR website: [www.energystar.gov/newhomesguidelines](http://www.energystar.gov/newhomesguidelines). The v3 modular home compliance procedures—the methods to be followed in verifying and documenting compliance with the technical requirements—are still under development by SBRA as part of a joint effort with EPA.

There is **only one ENERGY STAR program for modular homes**, which is administered by SBRA. SBRA has convened a committee of stakeholders to review and provide feedback on the draft compliance procedures. We will keep you updated on developments.

In addition, the date for implementing **ENERGY STAR Version 3 for Manufactured, HUD-code Homes** has not been set. Stay tuned for updates.

Three ways to keep abreast of developments:

1. Visit the SBRA website: [www.research-alliance.org/pages/es\\_mod.htm](http://www.research-alliance.org/pages/es_mod.htm)
2. Find Systems Building Research Alliance on Facebook
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If you have any questions, please contact Gwynne Koch, SBRA Program Manager, at [gkoch@research-alliance.org](mailto:gkoch@research-alliance.org).

## ENERGY STAR Goes Hand-in-Hand with Green Building

The CertifiedGreen™ home certification program is designed to seamlessly integrate the requirements of the ENERGY STAR program for modular homes. Although there may be other “green certification” programs in the marketplace, CertifiedGreen is the only national green building program designed specifically for modular homes and based on the ANSI-accredited National Green Building Standard™ ICC-700-2008. For more information, visit us on the web at: [www.certifiedgreenmodular.org](http://www.certifiedgreenmodular.org).

## Marketing “ENERGY STAR Certified Homes”

EPA is transitioning to the term “ENERGY STAR **certified** home” rather than “ENERGY STAR **qualified** home”. This change more accurately reflects the independent inspections and testing that each home receives in earning the ENERGY STAR. EPA encourages all partners to update their print and online materials as their schedule for updating marketing materials allows. Please refer to the **ENERGY STAR Identity Guidelines** at: [www.energystar.gov/logouse](http://www.energystar.gov/logouse).

EPA has released new ENERGY STAR for New Homes consumer marketing resources for Partners at: [www.energystar.gov/newhomesmarketing](http://www.energystar.gov/newhomesmarketing).

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