

ENERGY STAR Qualified Manufactured Homes

Frequently Asked Questions

1. IMPORTANT DATES

What are the important dates for building and selling homes that qualify for the tax credit?

Homes can be built anytime after August 8, 2005 so long as they are sold to a customer after January 1, 2006 (IRS will rule on whether the sale may be to the retailer or to the end customer).

2. PLANT CERTIFICATION

How can my plant get ready to build ENERGY STAR qualified manufactured homes?

To build ENERGY STAR qualified manufactured homes, a plant must be certified by an approved plant Certifier. Details are available in ***ENERGY STAR Labeled Manufactured Homes: Design, Manufacturing, Installation and Certification Procedures***. This document is available for download at http://www.mhrahome.org/pages/es_manufact.htm.

3. LABELING HOMES

What labels must be applied to the homes and where do I get them?

As of November 1, 2005, all ENERGY STAR qualified manufactured homes must contain an MHRA Quality Assured label and an EPA ENERGY STAR label. Both of these labels are available from MHRA. Order forms may be downloaded at http://www.mhrahome.org/es_label_order_form.pdf.

4. REPORTING HOMES

Is any reporting required as part of the program?

There is no longer any requirement to report ENERGY STAR qualified home production to EPA. Plants must use free web-based software known as the **MHRA ENERGY STAR Information Manager** to track production. The Information Manager also may be used to print ENERGY STAR labels and certificates and Site Installation Checklists.

5. PLANT CERTIFIER

What does an ENERGY STAR plant Certifier do and how do I find one?

Plants must have a Certifier of record at all times. The Certifier verifies that plants have the systems in place to consistently build ENERGY STAR qualified homes. They also conduct ongoing quality control testing of a sample of homes produced by the plant. A list of Certifiers is available on the MHRA web site at http://www.mhrahome.org/pages/es_manufact.htm.

6. GETTING OFF THE INACTIVE PLANT LIST

I've been told that my plant is on the EPA ENERGY STAR inactive list. What does this mean and how do I become active again?

This means that your plant has not reported production of any ENERGY STAR qualified homes for at least 12 months. To be restored to the active list, you must build and report at least one ENERGY STAR qualified home. It does not mean that your plant needs to be re-certified. You can still purchase labels and build ENERGY STAR qualified homes.

7. KEEPING CURRENT

Where can I find the latest information and documents pertaining to the program?

Subscribe to the **MHRA ENERGY STAR Update** e-newsletter on the MHRA website (www.mhrahome.org) and visit the ENERGY STAR for Manufacturers section of the MHRA web site at http://www.mhrahome.org/pages/es_manufact.htm.

8. WHOM TO CONTACT

Who should I contact with questions about the Manufactured Home ENERGY STAR program?

Please contact MHRA's ENERGY STAR Coordinator, Jordan Dentz (jdentz@research-alliance.org).