

A Vision for Energy Efficiency in new homes in Nova Scotia

80 by '11

Under the Provincial Government's vision, all new homes in Nova Scotia could be built to an EnerGuide rating of 80 by 2011. Homeowners could save significantly on energy costs each and every year. Better yet, each new home built to this standard could keep 5.6 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions from entering the atmosphere. No standards will be introduced until after industry consultations take place.

The Nova Scotia Home Builders' Association is proud to offer the EnerGuide for New Houses program. To register your new home, or to find out about the EnerGuide for New Houses program, visit the NSHBA website at www.nshba.ns.ca.

- 2008: Proposed mandatory EnerGuide label on all new home construction
- 2009: Introduce a mandatory EnerGuide rating of 72
- 2010: Increase the energy rating to EnerGuide 77
- 2011: Increase the energy rating to EnerGuide 80

Incentives

If you're buying a new home, consider making it energy efficient. You'll save money and cut your greenhouse gas emissions. Under the EnerGuide for New Houses program, a certified energy evaluator examines your building plans and makes recommendations on upgrades to improve energy efficiency. After your home is built, an EnerGuide for New Houses evaluation is performed on your home to determine the energy rating. EnerGuide ratings are based on a scale of 1–100.

An EnerGuide for New Houses evaluation costs \$250+HST, but you will get this back if your home reaches an EnerGuide rating of 77.

Energy Savings this year - and every year!

Think you can't afford to build energy efficiency into your new home? Think again. Financing the energy efficient improvements works out to approximately \$35 a month added onto your mortgage - the energy savings are about \$80 a month. With those savings, you can't afford to build *inefficiency* into your home.

- \$250 incentive: For all new homes built to EnerGuide 77 (can be rebated to builder or homeowner)
- \$500 incentive: For all new homes built to EnerGuide 80 (rebated directly to the homeowner)
- All R-2000 homes will receive a \$1000 rebate (rebated directly to homeowner)

For more information contact the Nova Scotia Home Builders' Association at (902) 450-5554/ 1-800-668-2001 or email nshba@nshba.ns.ca.

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Build to 80. Breathe easier. For once, it's okay to be a number.



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