



Home Energy Excellence Program

The **Home Energy Excellence Program** provides technical and financial support to builders for building homes above energy code that will have natural gas service provided by Minnesota Energy Resources. Residential Science Resources (RSR) is a Minnesota Energy Resources subcontractor that helps enrolled builders succeed in the program.

At no cost to the builder, RSR will:

- Review the home's plan (blueprints) with recommendations for energy improvements.
- Perform an on-site inspection upon completion of framing with feedback on building to date, recommendations for improvements and needed corrections.
- Perform a second on-site inspection upon completion of the insulation with feedback on building to date, recommendations for improvements and needed corrections.
- Perform a final on-site inspection with a blower door test, an infrared camera test and duct leakage test for verification of performance with needed corrections.



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Home Energy Excellence Benefits

- Up to two on-site inspections during construction with feedback on the building to date.
- Post-construction building evaluation.
- No-cost HERS rating.
- Home Energy Excellence Certificate.

In addition, Minnesota Energy Resources will assist with the following:

- Website promotions on the Home Energy Excellence Program.
- Website listing as a Home Energy Excellence builder.

Home Energy Excellence Program Minimum Requirements

At a minimum, the home must contain the following:

- Must exceed current Minnesota Energy Code per chart below.
- Have Minnesota Energy Resources gas services with natural gas as the primary heating source.
- Structures exceeding five units with central heating are not eligible.



Rebate Eligibility Level	Natural Gas Heating & Water Heating
Positive gas savings with less than 20% Total Energy Savings over code	\$ —
20-24.99% energy savings better than code	\$500
25-29.99% energy savings better than code	\$750
30-34.99% energy savings better than code	\$1,000
35-39.99% energy savings better than code	\$1,500
Over 40% energy savings better than code	\$2,000

In addition, new homes that are constructed exclusively for low-income housing by organizations such as Habitat for Humanity or an HRA/CDA may be eligible for an enhanced rebate. Low-income status must be verified to determine eligibility.

Homes participating in this program will not be eligible for the following rebates: furnaces, water heaters, programmable setback thermostats and insulation. Advanced thermostats are still eligible. The builder should inform buyers of these limitations. Both single family homes and townhouses are eligible to participate in the program.

For more detailed information about this program, please call **651-200-3411**.

