

Today's Manufactured Home is an Energy Efficient Home

The first question you will ask yourself is...“is this a manufactured home”? Today's manufactured home is no different from any other home, except it has been built off-site, usually in a controlled factory environment. As you approach the industry's latest models, one thing catches your eye: an energy efficient label.

Each manufacturer may have a different label; but one that stands out is the Energy Star designation. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) created the Energy Star logo as the symbol for energy efficiency because of the direct link between wasted energy and air pollution. Manufacturers and builders voluntarily display the logo on products and new homes that meet or exceed high energy efficiency guidelines. Some of these everyday products include heaters, air conditioning units, household appliances, residential light fixtures, and new homes.

By implementing these standards into the construction of today's manufactured home, consumers and builders alike can reap the benefits of energy efficient housing solutions, further emphasizing a manufactured home is not any different when it comes to energy efficiency. Manufacturers who utilize energy efficient light fixtures and appliances show that they are doing their part to help preserve and protect our precious natural resources, while offering the consumer significant savings on their utility bills. Combined with an almost 30 percent savings on heating, cooling and hot water, manufacturers make it possible for the consumer to afford more home.

Another advantage of an energy efficient manufactured home is the tight construction that helps reduce levels of indoor pollutants, such as dust, mold, carbon monoxide, radon gas and pollen. Proper ventilation helps prevent the accumulation of unhealthy air and humidity within the home. Gary Abbate, General Manager of Champion Homes, one of Arizona's highest quality rated plants, says, “A great advantage is that, since manufactured homes are factory built under controlled indoor conditions, these pollutants are less likely to settle within the home during construction.”

Sam Baird, General Manager of Clayton Homes, added, “Tight construction also means lower maintenance is required, and the more money the consumer saves.” Both Sam and Gary agree with the energy experts that energy efficient homes are the *only* home choice today. Energy efficient windows not only minimize heating and cooling loss, they also help protect the interior and contents from sun fading. With less energy loss, heating and cooling equipment performs more efficiently, maximizing its life span. The temperature inside is also more easily controlled and maintained. Noise levels from outside sources are reduced to comfortable levels.

Manufactured Homes are factory-built with quality construction that offers you a variety of custom options to let you tailor your new home to your own lifestyle. Today's manufactured homes are designed for you and built for a lifetime.

Look for an energy efficiency rating or label on your next manufactured home. Don't settle for anything less, because in the end, energy efficiency saves money.