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## ENERGY STAR® Homes Insider



### Program Updates

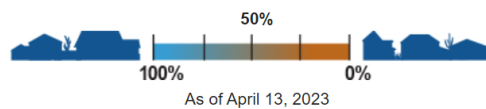
#### Thank you for another successful year for the ENERGY STAR Homes Program!

The SRP and ICF program teams want to thank all of our participating builders and Raters for another successful year. We are expecting to exceed our targets for number of homes submitted and for energy savings (kWh) for the program year. We appreciate your efforts to make this an outstanding program year in spite of a number of economic and supply challenges.

#### Important End-of-Year Dates

The current SRP ENERGY STAR Homes program year will end on [April 30, 2023](#). The program will continue into the new program year starting May 1, 2023. Thanks to all of you who worked to get as many homes as possible into the current year. Homes that were submitted after April 5, 2023 will roll into the [new](#) program year. We also want to remind you that the "90-day rule" goes into effect on May 1, 2023. That means that you have 90 days to submit homes with Rating Date [prior](#) to May 1, 2023. After July 31, 2023 we will no longer accept homes with Rating Date [prior](#) to May 1, 2023.

### Rebate Funds Available



Currently, the SRP ENERGY STAR Homes Program has 50% of the rebate funding available. Builders earn performance incentives by improving energy efficiency on each home at \$.12 per kWh. Incentives are determined by the home's total estimated annual kWh savings as compared to a code-built home. The builder's rater shall determine the kWh savings using Ekotrope software. SRP will pay incentives for eligible homes on a first-come, first-served basis until all incentive funding has been depleted for the fiscal year.

Don't forget builders may earn an additional incentive of \$300 per home for Electric Vehicle-Ready homes.

### Announcements

#### What's ahead for Program Year 2024?

SRP will soon announce details of some changes for the upcoming program year, but for now here are some of the things you can expect:

- **"EV-Ready"** will continue as an optional community-wide incentive at \$300 per home.
- **Conditioned Attic Benefits** – recent program energy model updates recognize greater benefits from unvented conditioned attics, which is likely to

increase energy savings and incentives per home.

- **HVAC Standard Updates** – program energy models have incorporated the new federal efficiency standards for HVAC systems, which is likely to reduce savings previously realized for installing SEER 15 (or greater) units.
- **New Incentive Options Coming Later this Year...**
  - **Heat Pumps & Heat Pump Water Heaters** – optional community-wide incentives for high performance heat pumps and heat pump water heaters will be available in the coming months.
  - **ENERGY STAR NextGen™ Certification** – an optional high-performance tier is planned to launch midway through the 2024 Program Year and will feature enhanced incentives.

#### Webinars and Training Classes

This year, in addition to offering our own semi-annual ENERGY STAR Homes webinars, we are teaming with [Learning Edge, LLC](#) to sponsor a series of training classes. The list below shows the class schedule. Please use this link [Learning Edge, LLC - Live Classes](#) to get the most up-to-date class offerings and to register for any classes. Please note that the SRP-sponsored classes are free, but other classes offered by Learning Edge have a fee.

#### **Builder/Rater Spotlight**

Homebuyers across the nation have called D.R. Horton their homebuilder since 1978. From first-time homebuyers to empty nesters, D.R. Horton provides a home for every stage in life. The exceptional value D.R. Horton offers comes from the quality construction put into every home. As a longtime participant in the SRP ENERGY STAR Homes Program, the D.R. Horton Phoenix East and West divisions have worked closely with SRP to keep energy-efficiency top of mind. Recently, divisions have moved toward 100% testing of energy performance. In addition, D.R. Horton's Phoenix divisions are preparing for the future with a plan to implement Electric Vehicle outlets in every garage for their homebuyers. This helps offer additional value for the homebuyer and to the resale value of a home built with electrification in mind for the future. D.R. Horton believes in a vision of homeownership for everyone and strives to provide energy efficient smart homes for every stage in life



#### **Trade Ally Portal**

Your one-stop-shop to access everything needed to actively participate in the SRP ENERGY STAR Homes Program. The website is interactive and gives improved access to download program documents, process rebates and print program marketing materials.

We will continually update our content with helpful information, newsletters and announcements. We hope you find the new website an easy place to access program information and resources. Please be on the lookout for an email with your user login credentials. If you have any questions, suggestions, feedback or comments, please email us at [energystarhomes@srpnet.com](mailto:energystarhomes@srpnet.com).

[Visit the SRP Trade Ally Portal](#)

## SRP Energy Learning Center

As an SRP builder or rater, you have free access to our Energy Learning Center, an online distance learning portal that offers trainings on sales and marketing, technical topics and program or industry best practices. Many courses can also be used to meet CEU requirements for common industry certifications, including North American Technician Excellence (NATE), Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET®) and Building Performance Institute (BPI). Examples of CEU accredited sales and marketing courses include:

- Master Marketing
- Master Customer Service
- Customer Personality Types

Builders are also able to share recorded webinars and trainings with their team. If you don't already have credentials for the Learning Center, please contact [sandi.anania@icf.com](mailto:sandi.anania@icf.com).

[Visit the SRP Energy Learning Center](#)

## Meet the Program Team



Mark Pignatelli has over 17 years of experience in the energy efficiency industry. He is currently a Director with ICF operating as the National New Homes Offering Owner. In this role, Mark provides leadership and support to local energy efficiency teams across the United States and meets with top production builders. Mark is also responsible for energy efficiency programs in New England including the Mass Save Residential New Construction Program and Energize Connecticut Passive House & All-Electric Initiative. Combined, these offers promote the benefits of residential high performance new construction and workforce development with a goal to maximize energy efficiency. He works closely with Utility clients, HERS Raters, builders, and developers to transform the market towards above-code new construction, drive deeper energy savings, and maximize energy efficiency incentives. He is currently a member of the Association of Energy Services Professionals, Home Builders & Remodelers Association of Western Massachusetts, Northeast Sustainable Energy Association and holds an Enterprise Program Management and HERS Associate certification. Outside of work, Mark enjoys time with his family and friends and loves playing basketball, skiing, and hiking with his dog.

Thank you,

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