



The Earth Advantage

Certification Process

Overview

Plan Review

At the start of the program, you'll meet with an Earth Advantage Green Building Consultant (GBC) to review your building plans and discuss project goals.

Determining Earth Advantage Levels

Once the energy efficiency of your existing plan is calculated, your Earth Advantage GBC will assist you to determine the most cost-effective way to meet the performance pathway and provide you with any necessary recommendations.

Consultation

As you build the project, Earth Advantage will provide technical support and education to you and your subcontracts on sustainable building practices and products.

Walkthrough

Earth Advantage will conduct periodic on-site inspections to check for proper installation of products building practices, materials and appliances.

Certificate

Two copies of the home's Earth
Advantage certification will be sent to
you. Keep one copy for your records and
forward the other to your homeowner.
The certificate signifies that the
home meets Earth Advantage New
Home Certification standards.

Workflow

POINTS SHEET

Builder meets with EAHC representative to review points sheet. Builder completes and submits point sheet paperwork to EA for preliminary scoring.

Points sheet(s)
(One per subdivision or builder/project)

INITIAL INSPECTION

Rough-in HVAC and insulation inspection (before sheetrock).

Duct blast test performed (by EA or certified HVAC installer).

Builder takes corrective action.

Pass? NO

YES

EA informs builder of the corrective actions needed to pass inspection.

FINAL INSPECTION

EA conducts final inspection including performance test (home is complete).

Pass? NO

Builder takes corrective action.

YES

EA informs builder of the corrective actions needed to pass inspection.

CERTIFICATION

Accountability forms are signed by builder HVAC and landscape contractors.

Earth Advantage certifies home.



Contact a Green Building Consultant to learn more.

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