

## **Homeowner Benefits**

- Lower energy bills achieved through energy efficient building materials, equipment, appliances, and lighting.
- Consistent temperature means reduced risk of mold, and a more comfortable and healthier indoor environment.
- Market value of energy efficient home potentially increased.
- . Overall reduction in air pollution attributed to energy efficiency.
- Independent, third party verification quantified this home's overall energy score and its estimated annual energy savings, and reduction in pollution.

## What qualifies as an Energy Star/Builders Challenge Home?

ENERGY STAR qualified homes (as verified by third party) are at least 15 percent more energy efficient than homes built to the 2004 International Residential Code (IRC), BUILDERS CHALLENGE qualified homes are at least 30 percent more energy efficient. The homes include additional energy saving features and can include a variety of energy efficient features-ENERGY STAR qualified appliances and lighting, effective insulation, high performance low-e windows, and tight construction and ducts.