


# Touchstone Energy® Home Program

**Eau Claire Energy  
Cooperative**

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## Building a New Home?

Take full advantage of a \$500 incentive through the Touchstone Energy Home Program

The Touchstone Energy Home Program rewards you for building a home with energy efficient design and construction and is based on the concept of a house as a system.

### What does being a Touchstone Energy Home mean?

To be a Touchstone Energy Home, a home must meet specific guidelines for thermal and performance standards. Homes built to these standards provide the homeowner with lower energy costs, healthier indoor air quality, improved building durability and increased market value. With home buyers increasingly interested in green building, energy efficiency is the place to start.

In order to satisfy the requirements of this incentive, homes must be certified as meeting the Focus on Energy New Homes program requirements. In addition, if the home has an electric water heater it must be connected to one of Eau Claire Energy Cooperative's Load Management Programs and must have a uniform energy factor of 0.88 or greater. The water heater must also meet the eligibility criteria of the Load Management Program it is to be connected to.



### How to get started?

Contact Eau Claire Energy Cooperative for more information.

### Who can participate?

To qualify for the incentive the home must be served by Eau Claire Energy Cooperative.

### What you'll receive:

- A home built to be as comfortable, durable and energy efficient as possible.
- \$500.00 incentive
- Additional incentives are available for qualified energy efficient appliances, water heaters, lighting, and heating & cooling systems.



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## Opportunities for Energy Savings: New Home Construction

### 1. Insulation

Properly installed and inspected insulation ensures even temperatures throughout the house, reduced energy use, and increased comfort. Our program has insulation requirements for floors, walls, ceilings, attics and circulating hot water pipes.

### 2. Windows and Doors

Energy efficient windows and doors employ advanced technologies to help keep heat in during winter and out during summer. Another benefit of energy efficient windows is that the protective coatings block damaging ultraviolet sunlight that can fade carpets and furnishings.

### 3. Efficient Products

Energy efficient appliances and lighting are highly recommended and water heaters must meet efficiency requirements.


### 4. Heating and Cooling

In addition to using less energy to operate, energy efficient heating and cooling systems can be quieter, reduce indoor humidity and improve the overall comfort of the home. When properly installed into a tightly sealed home, this equipment won't have to work so hard to heat and cool the home. Heat pumps are highly recommended. Temperature controls must be installed, including a programmable thermostat where required.

### 5. Air Infiltration

House wrap along with sealing holes and cracks in the home's "envelope" and in duct systems, helps reduce drafts, moisture, dust, pollen and noise. A tightly sealed home improves comfort and indoor air quality while reducing utility and maintenance.

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