



# EnergySmart



MAKING ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS SIMPLE & AFFORDABLE

Guideline: Energy Smart Home designation

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If your home is safer, more comfortable, and cheaper to operate, then it should have a higher value than a home that does not have those improvements. The Energy Smart Home designation is noted on the county property record, and confirms that documented energy saving improvements have been made to your home. In Eagle County, the Energy Smart Home designation is becoming a defining label for properties.



### **Earning the Energy Smart Home designation for your home:**

**1)** Sign up at [www.EnergySmartColorado.com](http://www.EnergySmartColorado.com) to schedule a comprehensive Home Energy Assessment by a BPI-certified Building Analyst. The Assessment includes natural gas leak detection, combustion safety analysis, blower-door testing to find air-leaks, and installation of “quick fix” energy saving materials. You’ll learn more about your home during the Assessment, and also receive a report showing test results and recommended improvements.

**2)** The next step is completing the Home Energy Improvements outlined in the report to reduce your home’s energy cost. Improvements can include air-sealing and insulation, upgrading heating systems, replacement of doors, windows, install of solar, and other improvements that tighten the building envelope. The goal is to meet a general annual energy savings target of 15% or more.

**How the Designation Works in Eagle County:** The Eagle County Assessor’s office will add a Energy Smart Home designation to the property record of qualifying homes. Those records are updated quarterly by the Assessor and Energy Smart staff.

**Benefits to Homeowners:** The Energy Smart designation provides an incentive to property owners to improve their residences. Additional benefits from the program include improving health and safety of homes, reducing utility costs, and reducing impacts to environment. The Energy Smart Home designation was developed as part of the Energy Smart Colorado program, and is available to all Energy Smart Colorado partner communities.

**Background:** Energy Smart Colorado is a community energy efficiency program making home energy improvements simple and affordable. Non-profit partners in Eagle, Gunnison and Pitkin Counties provide energy coaching, home energy assessments, referrals to qualified local contractors and access to rebates and financing for energy improvements. So far nearly 3,500 homeowners have completed a Home Energy Assessment, with 1,700 of those completing improvements, resulting in an average reduction of 15% / \$300 savings per year in utility bills.

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