



## Information Resources

The following web sites, presentations, reports, and case studies provide additional information to help utilities, states and local governments develop and implement programs and policies to support high performance homes in Utah.

## National Programs

- **Building America** (U.S. DOE)  
[www.buildingamerica.gov](http://www.buildingamerica.gov)  
Building America is a private/public partnership sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy that conducts research to find energy-efficient solutions for new and existing housing that can be implemented on a production basis.
- **ENERGY STAR New Homes** (U.S. EPA and U.S. DOE)  
[www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)  
The ENERGY STAR for New Homes program works with builders, home energy raters, rating providers, utilities, state and regional sponsors, and lenders to promote the benefits of energy efficient homes. The program offers technical assistance, guidelines and specifications, and marketing and outreach support to energy efficiency program sponsors, the home building industry and new homebuyers.
- **Model Green Building Guidelines** (National Association of Home Builders (NAHB))  
<http://www.nahb.org/>  
NAHB's voluntary Model Green Home Building Guidelines are designed to be a tool kit for the individual builder looking to engage in green building practices and home builder associations (HBAs) looking to launch their own local green building programs.
- **U.S. Green Building Council, LEED for Homes**  
[www.usgbc.org/homes/](http://www.usgbc.org/homes/)  
LEED for Homes is a voluntary rating system that promotes the design and construction of high performance "green" homes. The LEED for Homes rating system measures the environmental performance of new homes across eight separate resource categories, including energy efficiency. LEED certification recognizes and rewards builders for meeting the highest performance standards, and gives homeowners confidence that their home is durable, healthy, and environmentally friendly.

## State Programs

- **Build Green Utah**

<http://www.buildgreenutah.org>

Build Green Utah is a voluntary certification process that provides a standard, recognized third party certification process for green homes in Utah. The program certifies homes under the guidelines and checklist of Built Green Colorado, while communicating the ease of integration and the aesthetic value of green building practices. Green Build Utah also promotes green building and its benefits through builder and consumer education, as well as through collaboration with local governments.

## Utility Programs

- **Rocky Mountain Power:  
ENERGY STAR New Homes Program**

<http://www.utahenergystar.com/>

- **Questar Gas:  
Thermwise Program for New Homes**

<http://www.thermwise.com>

## State Government

- **Utah State Energy Program**

[www.geology.utah.gov/sep](http://www.geology.utah.gov/sep)

- **Governor's Office of Energy**

<http://energy.utah.gov/energy/>

- **Utah State University Extension,  
Sustainability Program**

<http://theutahhouse.org/>

## Nonprofit Organizations

- **Energy and Environmental Building  
Association**

<http://www.eeba.org>

- **Build Green Utah**

<http://www.buildgreenutah.org>

- **Utah Clean Energy**

<http://www.utahcleanenergy.org/>

- **Utah Energy Conservation Coalition**

<http://www.utahenergystar.org/>

- **USGBC Utah Chapter**

<http://chapters.usgbc.org/utah/>

- **Utah Solar Energy Association**

<http://www.utsolar.org/>

## Home Energy Raters and Rating Providers

- **RESNET**

Includes a complete list of RESNET certified home energy raters and rating providers serving Utah

<http://www.resnet.us/directory/raters.aspx>