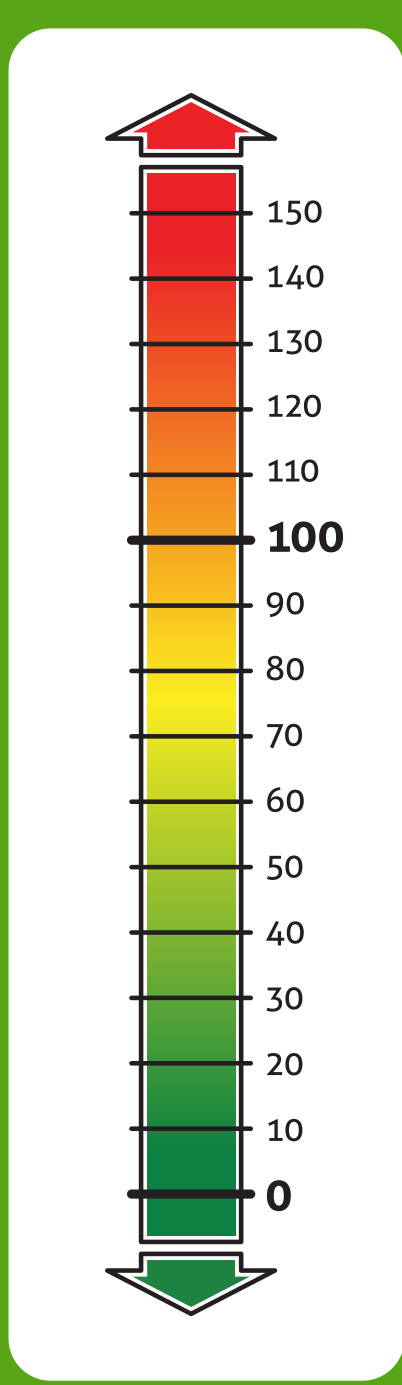


What is the HOME ENERGY RATING SYSTEM (HERS®) INDEX?



- ✓ The **national standard** by which a home's energy efficiency is inspected and rated.
- ✓ A typical home built to 2006 energy efficiency standards scores 100 on the HERS Index.
- ✓ A 1-Point change in the HERS Index represents a 1% change in energy use.
- ✓ A lower Index Score means a home uses less energy.
- ✓ A home with a HERS Index Score of 0 produces as much energy annually as it uses.



- ✓ A simple, easy to understand system for prospective homebuyers, Realtors, Appraisers and utilities to compare the energy performance of homes.



The HERS Index accounts for a home's energy consumption of heating, cooling, water heating, lighting and some appliances.

HOW TO GET A HERS INDEX SCORE

Obtaining a HERS Index Score requires a comprehensive home energy rating, conducted by a certified RESNET Home Energy Rater.



The HERS Rater conducts a computerized simulation analysis utilizing RESNET Accredited Rating Software.

The results are used to calculate the HERS Index score based on the home's building plans.

Then the Rater conducts a pre-drywall inspection, followed by final inspection using diagnostic testing equipment to verify the home's performance.

The technical specifications of the rating are governed by a national consensus ANSI standard that is incorporated into the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC).



WHY BUILDERS SHOULD GET HERS INDEX SCORES

MARKETING ADVANTAGE

Demonstrate energy efficiency features in your homes with an independently verified HERS Index rating. 170+ Builders have become RESNET EnergySmart Builders by having all their homes HERS rated.

QUALIFY FOR THE FEDERAL 45L TAX CREDIT FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES

The federal 45L tax credit has been amended to offer \$2,500 for homes that are certified to meet the Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR Homes program and \$5,000 for homes that are certified to meet to meet the U.S. Department of Energy's Zero Energy Ready Home Program. RESNET is a Home Certification Organization for both programs and the HERS Index is used to calculate compliance to the program.

CODE COMPLIANCE

More than 15 states and 300+ local jurisdictions allow a HERS Index Score to be used for energy code compliance. This number will grow significantly over the next 3 years.

LOWER MORTGAGE DEFAULT RISK

Lenders are taking notice after a study that showed Energy Star labeled homes with a lower HERS score have a 32% lower mortgage default rate.

NETWORK OF 1,900+ CERTIFIED RESNET HERS RATERS

Available to conduct an independent HERS rating on your home and provide expert advice on improving energy efficiency in a cost-effective manner.