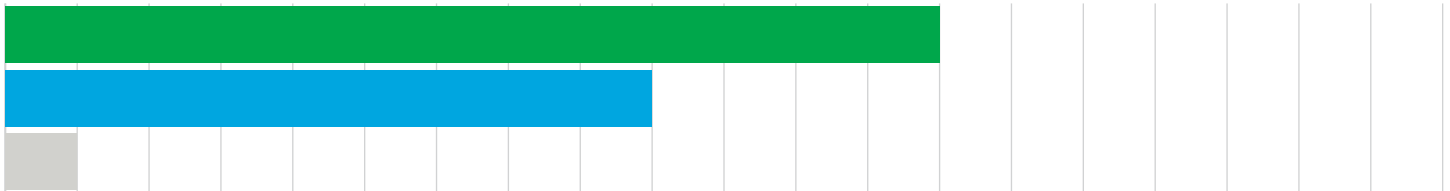




## Take Control of Your Utility Bills

Each Zero Energy Ready Home optimizes energy efficiency. As a result, monthly utility bill savings can easily exceed the incremental increase in the monthly mortgage. As a result, you can look forward to lower ownership cost the day you move in with utility savings adding up to \$10,000s and often over \$100,000 over a 30-year mortgage. What a great investment!

### Compare the Difference



KEY ■ DOE Zero Energy Ready Home ■ ENERGY STAR® Certified Home ■ Existing Home

“Our energy bills are less than half of our previous home with 20% more square footage.”

— Homeowner

“We love our electric bill, or maybe we should say lack of bill. We have a home that not many people get to have. Most people don’t understand how much this home helps our family save money, live healthier, and be protected.”

— Homeowner

“Our energy bills are lower than ever but our quality of life is higher.”

— Homeowner



### Zero Energy Ready Home Energy Efficiency Package

#### Efficient Enclosure

Extra insulation meets or exceeds forthcoming energy codes and is quality-installed to ensure an effective thermal blanket around each home. High-performance windows use advanced coatings to block unwanted summer heat gain and minimize winter heat loss. Comprehensive air sealing is applied to over a half-mile of cracks and seams in a typical home along with holes and penetrations to help eliminate drafts.

#### Efficient Comfort System

Heating and cooling systems commonly utilize the latest high-efficiency equipment and are quality installed to industry best practices including duct locations optimized for performance. This will ensure energy efficient operation along with even distribution of comfort and humidity control throughout the home.

#### Efficient Components

Key components are ENERGY STAR® certified including appliances (e.g., refrigerators, dishwashers), fans (e.g., bath exhaust and ceiling fans), and LED Lighting. In addition, efficient plumbing solutions help save thousands of gallons of water going down the drain. Many Zero Energy Ready Homes also feature the latest high-efficiency water heaters.



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