

About **RESNET**

The Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) was founded in 1995 as an independent, non-profit organization to help homeowners reduce the cost of their utility bills by making their homes more energy efficient.

As well as developing the HERS Index, RESNET is also responsible for the national training and certification standards for Raters, which are recognized by federal government agencies such as the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. mortgage industry. In order to qualify as a certified RESNET rater, home energy professionals must first complete the rigorous training and testing required and agree to abide by the RESNET Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice.



RESNET Certified HERS Raters have rated over 1 million homes since 1995.

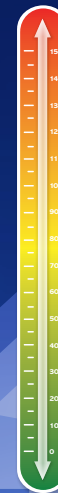
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Outside of a mortgage loan, the highest cost of homeownership is energy. *Smart homebuyers* examine a home's HERS Index to determine its energy efficiency before buying, much like checking the MPG sticker on a car. It makes sense to know the energy performance of a home before making the investment.

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The **Smart** way to **Buy a Home!**

With home energy costs skyrocketing, it only makes sense to find out how energy efficient a home really is. The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that houses built in line with today's energy code use **30% less energy** than older homes. Many builders today are building homes that use **70% less energy** than existing ones.

Why ask about the **HERS Index®?**

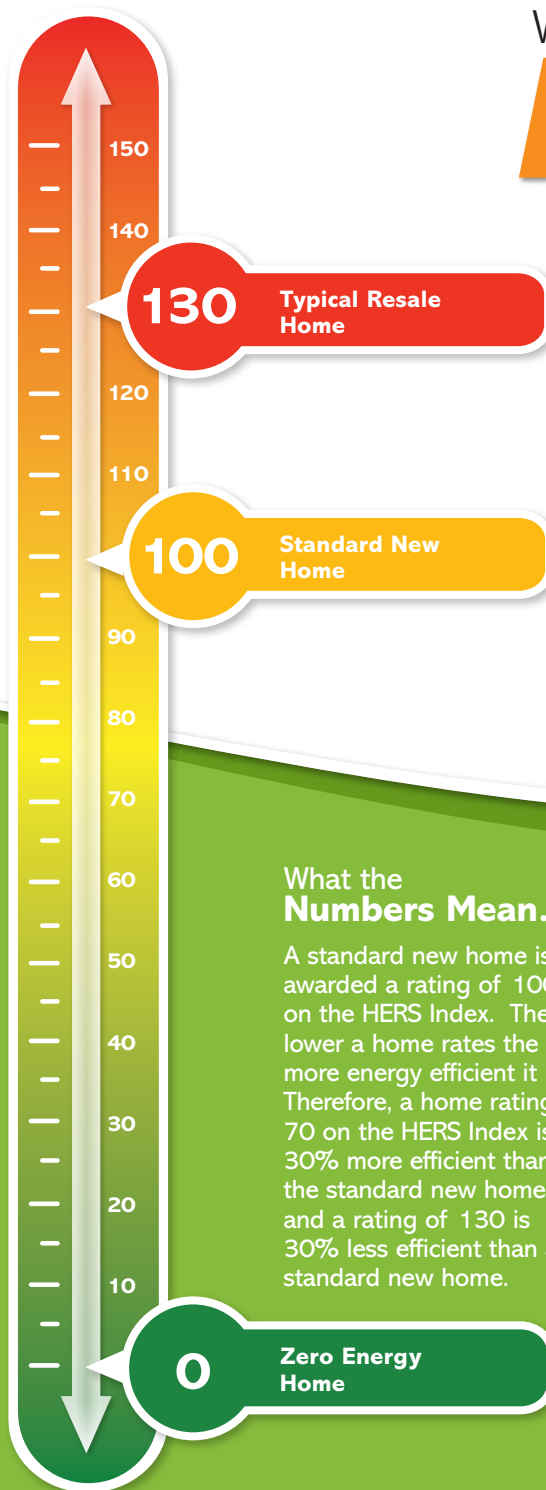
Be an Energy Smart homebuyer

Compare the energy performance of a home to others in the market

Know the projected energy costs of living in the home

Have peace of mind that the home was inspected by a nationally certified professional energy specialist

For more information about the RESNET HERS Index, visit www.resnet.us/home-energy-ratings



What is the **HERS Index®?**

The RESNET HERS Index is the industry standard by which a home's energy efficiency is measured. The HERS or Home Energy Rating System was developed by RESNET and is the **nationally recognized system** for inspecting and calculating a home's energy performance. Certified RESNET Home Energy Raters conduct inspections to verify a home's energy performance and determine what improvements can be made to increase it.

What the Numbers Mean...

A standard new home is awarded a rating of 100 on the HERS Index. The lower a home rates the more energy efficient it is. Therefore, a home rating of 70 on the HERS Index is 30% more efficient than the standard new home and a rating of 130 is 30% less efficient than a standard new home.

- ✓ It pays to know BEFORE you buy! Increasing numbers of Energy Smart builders are having their homes energy rated. If the home you want to buy doesn't have a HERS Index rating – ask for it.
- ✓ The U.S. Department of Energy has determined that a typical resale home scores 130 on the HERS Index. The LOWER the HERS Index the more energy efficient a home is, meaning lower energy costs for the homeowner.
- ✓ A low HERS Index adds VALUE and COMFORT to a home, which is why builders across the United States ensure that all their homes are energy rated.