



Gallagher and Henry

ENERGY STAR[®] qualification a value added to every new Gallagher and Henry home

Lofty credential delivers more efficient energy use, healthier living environment, utility savings, and resale value

While Americans have become accustomed to seeing the ENERGY STAR label attached to furnaces, hot water heaters, and refrigerators, only recently has the nation's populace recognized that new homes can also carry the distinguished, money-saving credential.

And one Chicago area homebuilder is making sure of it. Gallagher and Henry, a residential builder in the Chicago area since 1954, recently announced that all of its new homes in eight southwest suburban communities would carry the ENERGY STAR label, a U.S. government-backed symbol of energy efficiency.

ENERGY STAR qualified homes deliver enhanced performance, added confidence in construction methods, improved air quality and comfort, and, perhaps most importantly in today's dollar-conscious world, lower cost of ownership and greater resale value since the ENERGY STAR certificate remains with the home.

"We're pleased to have taken this very important step, one that provides our homebuyers peace of mind, comfort, and immediate as well as long-term value," Gallagher and Henry president John Gallagher said. "Our homebuyers now and well into the future can feel increased confidence that their home was built utilizing the most tested construction methods.

"The ENERGY STAR certificate is an added value and benefit every Gallagher and Henry home will carry moving forward," he added.

For Gallagher and Henry, the ENERGY STAR credential highlights the company's longstanding commitment to a homeowner's investment as well as its dedication to evolve alongside the residential construction industry. Fewer than 17 percent of all new homes built in the U.S. in 2008 earned the rigorous ENERGY STAR certificate, proving that Gallagher and Henry stands at the forefront of the swelling energy efficient movement and the benefits it provides homeowners.



Jim Cavallo (center with hat) of Kouba-Cavallo Associates, a nationally certified home energy ratings service, speaks to Gallagher and Henry sales staff about the features of a Gallagher and Henry home which have earned it the prominent Energy Star credential.

“Since our start in 1954, Gallagher and Henry has prided itself on building the best homes in the best communities, but we didn’t want to sit on our 55 years of history; we wanted to continue evolving and exceeding our homebuyers’ expectations,” Gallagher and Henry project manger Jay Henry said.

To earn the ENERGY STAR qualification, an independent energy rater analyzes the home at three critical construction phases: pre-insulation; pre-drywall; and a blower door test upon the home’s completion. Tests examine the tightness of the home’s envelope, the effectiveness of its insulation systems, the efficiency of heating and cooling equipment, and the presence of high-performance windows.

In the summer of 2009, Gallagher and Henry built its first ENERGY STAR home in the Goodings Grove community of Homer Glen, a residence estimated to produce over \$1,000 in annual utility use savings. Now, all new Gallagher and Henry homes will be constructed with tested ENERGY STAR methods.

“Our newest homeowners will see a direct impact on their wallets given this ENERGY STAR rating and inhabit homes high on quality and efficiency,” Gallagher said.

For additional information on Gallagher and Henry and its 12 current new home communities, please visit www.gallagherandhenry.com.

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