

2026 Builder Incentive Program

Incentive amounts are dependent on the Home Energy Rating Score (HERS) and range from \$150 to \$6,500.

Take Action

The Colorado Springs Utilities ("Springs Utilities") Builder Incentive Program ("Program") is designed to encourage Colorado Springs homebuilders to build homes to a higher energy efficiency standard than is required by state and local codes. Incentives are offered on a first come, first served basis and are subject to eligibility and availability of funds. Certain other conditions and restrictions apply. For more information, call **448-4800** or visit www.csu.org.

PROGRAM RULES AND QUALIFICATIONS

To participate in the Builder Incentive Program

The Program requires that each builder ("Participant") registers annually, then submits documentation proving each home, Home Energy Rating Score ("Rated Home"), to receive an incentive.

- 1) Review the Program Rules.
- 2) Register for the Program by completing this Annual Participation Application, and include the following documentation:
 - Complete IRS Form W-9,
- 3) To receive an incentive for a Rated Home
 - The Participant must ensure that a Home Report of each completed home is forwarded to NewHomes@CSU.org within 30 days of rating final inspection.
 - Home Report must contain the following items
 - Home Energy Rating Score (HERS) Performance Energy Rating Certificate or Home Energy Rating Certificate (Contains energy component values)
 - ENERGY STAR V3 Home Verification Summary (includes HERS score with and without PV)
 - Certificate for the home building standard achieved.
 - Incentive payments may take 6 to 8 weeks to process.

General Qualification Requirements

- Home must be a Residential Building, as defined by the 2021 IECC. These includes detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) and Group R-2, R-3 and R-4 buildings three stories or less in height above grade plane.
- Rating must be completed by a certified RESNET Home Energy Rater.
- HERS/ERI software must meet the most current active ANSI RESNET Standard.
- Homes with a Certificate of Occupancy awarded prior to Utilities receiving this application, or prior to January 1st of the calendar year do not qualify.
- Annual Participation Application and Home Reports must be received between January 1 and December 31 of the calendar year.
- Incomplete applications and/or those lacking required documentation will be denied.
- Participant must have an active Springs Utilities account at the Certified Home when the Home Energy Rating certificate is received.
- Incentive is only available to homebuilders.
- Each Rated Home is eligible to receive a single incentive through this Program.
- The Rated Home must be in Springs Utilities' electric and gas service areas.
- Gas only customers are eligible for up to seventy (70) percent of qualified incentives. To receive water incentives rated home must be connected to CSU potable water service.
- The Rated Home is subject to inspection by Springs Utilities staff at any reasonable time with advanced notice. If the home for which an incentive

has been issued is found on inspection to not qualify, the incentive amount will be charged back to the Springs Utilities account which was originally credited, and the incentive amount will be collected.

- Incentives are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to availability of funds.
- Springs Utilities only provides incentives for homes that received the Home Rating through independent verification; homes that receive ratings or certifications through the sampling method will not be eligible.
- The energy rater and rating must meet all RESNET requirements. Rater be qualified and certified to undertake ratings/certifications at the time the rating is conducted.
- Participant is solely responsible for obtaining related building permits and completing the inspection process as required by local jurisdiction.
 - Incentive is based on the HERS value without PV generation included.

Builder Incentive

Each Rated Home will be incentivized based on its Home Energy Rating Score (HERS) and technologies included, plus bonuses for additional home certifications. Homes must score a HERS of 60 or below to qualify for incentives and bonuses. HERS is based on calculation prior to including solar PV.

- **HERS incentives begin at \$150 for a score of 60**, additional \$25 per point below, up to a maximum of \$1,650 for HERS 0 (Zero)
 - **Bonus of \$250 for achievement of ENERGY STAR V3.1. \$350 for one or more of the following home building standards; ENERGY STAR v3.2 and above, National Green Building Standard, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, Passive House.**
- **Incentive of \$1,200 for Energy Star Heat Pump DHW systems with UEF greater than 3.**
- **Incentive of \$800 for Heat Pump (Heat and Cool) installation instead of an Air Conditioning unit.** Requires unit certified Energy Star with minimum 15 SEER, integrated with Energy Star gas furnace for cold temp supplemental heat.
- **Additional Incentive of \$2,500 for full electrification of home**, requires
 - Cold Climate Heat Pump, NEEP or Energy Star listed, for primary HVAC load
 - Tanked electric, hybrid or Heat Pump domestic hot water <= 5kW
 - No Natural Gas interconnection
- **Incentive of \$100 per toilet using 0.8 gallons per flush.** This offer is applicable for up to 3 toilets in total and available separately at csu.org.

Incentive Payment

- Builders will receive a monthly list of homes incentivized to the report eMail(s) provided below.
- Incentives will be applied to the home utility account, offsetting current and some future service balance.
- Any credit remaining after home sale will be issued as check.



2026 Builder Incentive Program Annual Participation Application

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Participant/Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Zip _____

Contact Name/Title: _____

Phone _____ E-mail: _____

Incentive homes report recipient:

Name _____ E-mail: _____

By signing this certification, the Participant certifies under penalty of perjury that: a) the information provided in this form is true and correct to the best of the Participant's knowledge, b) the Participant has read and understood the stated Builder Incentive Program Rules and Requirements.

Signature Required: _____ Date: _____

DISCLAIMERS

WARRANTY DISCLAIMER: Springs Utilities makes no representations or warranties, expressed or implied, regarding the design, sizing, installation, construction, reliability, efficiency, performance, operation, maintenance, or use of the Certified Home or of any building component analyzed, discussed, selected, rejected, installed or otherwise considered by the Participant. Any decisions regarding the selection, design, and construction shall be at the sole discretion and are the sole responsibility of the Participant. Springs Utilities is not liable or responsible for any act or omission of any contractor whatsoever. Participant will not represent, in any manner, that the Participant is an agent of Springs Utilities. Participants may not use Springs Utilities' name or logo in its communications or advertisements without the express written permission of Springs Utilities.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY: The Participant understands and agrees that Springs Utilities is not a party to any contract pertaining to construction and sale of the Certified Home. The Participant agrees to indemnify, to defend, and to hold harmless Springs Utilities, its board members, officers, agents and employees against all claims, loss, damage, expense and liability asserted or incurred by other parties including, but not limited to, Springs Utilities' employees arising out of or in any way connected with the Certified Home or the Certified Home's construction, operation or performance and caused by acts, omissions, intent or negligence, whether active or passive, of Participant, its agents, employees and suppliers, and excepting only such loss, damage or liability as may be caused by the intentional act or sole negligence of Springs Utilities. Nothing in the Builder Incentive Program shall be interpreted to limit or prevent the protections afforded to Springs Utilities under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, C.R.S. § 24-10-101, et seq.

Colorado Public (Open) Records Act (CORA) - Springs Utilities is an enterprise of the City of Colorado Springs, therefore, Springs Utilities' records are public records open for inspection by any person at reasonable times, except as provided by the Colorado Public (Open) Records Act (CORA) or other laws. The CORA permits the denial of inspection of any records that contain personal and financial information of past or present users of public utilities.

Submit completed application form and any documentation to:

Email: newhomes@csu.org & builderincentivetoilets@csu.org with subject 'BIP Application'.

FOR SOLE PROPRIORTOSHIP BUSINESSES AN AFFIDAVIT OF LEGAL RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED UNDER COLORADO LAW

I swear/affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Colorado that I am:

- a United States citizen, or
- a Permanent Resident of the United States, or
- am lawfully present in the United States pursuant to Federal Law.

Signature Required: _____ Date: _____

I understand that this sworn statement is required by law because I have applied for a public benefit. I understand that state law requires me to provide proof that I am lawfully present in the United States prior to receipt of this public benefit or prior to entering a contract with the state. I further acknowledge that making a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in this affidavit is punishable under the criminal laws of Colorado as perjury in the second degree under Colorado Revised Statute 18-8-503 and it shall constitute a separate criminal offense each time a public benefit is fraudulently received.