



How to Make the Right Home Energy Improvements



Are high energy bills getting you down? Is your home too cold in winter and too hot in summer? Suffering from drafty doors and windows? If even one or more of these sound familiar, then your home is in need of a HERS® rating, an in-depth, comprehensive assessment of a home's energy performance.

How Does a HERS Rating Work?

When doing a comprehensive HERS rating, a certified RESNET HERS Rater will;

Carry out a series of diagnostic tests to determine:

- ✔ The amount and location of air leaks in the building envelope
- ✔ The amount of leakage from HVAC distribution ducts
- ✔ The amount of insulation inside walls and ceilings

Other variables taken into account include:

- ✔ Floors over unconditioned spaces (like garages or basements)
- ✔ Windows and doors, vents and ductwork
- ✔ Water heating system and thermostats

Benefits of Getting a HERS Rating

A HERS rating will tell you:

- ✔ Where and how energy is being lost and identify energy-wasting areas
- ✔ Which systems in your home are not working efficiently
- ✔ What measures can be taken to improve your energy efficiency
- ✔ Discover hidden problems that you may not even be aware of

What you can expect:

- ✔ A computerized simulation analysis utilizing RESNET Accredited Rating Software to calculate a rating score on the HERS Index
- ✔ The report will also contain a cost/benefit analysis for recommended improvements and expected ROI

How to Get a HERS Rating

Only certified RESNET HERS Raters are qualified to do a HERS rating.

RESNET (Residential Energy Services Network) is an independent nonprofit organization and the recognized national standards-making body for building energy efficiency rating and certification systems in the United States.



Contact Your Local HERS Rater to Schedule a HERS Rating



RESNET is the independent, national nonprofit organization that homeowners trust to improve home energy efficiency and realize substantial savings on their utility bills. RESNET's industry-leading standards are recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, among others.

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