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EnerGuide Rating System

An EnerGuide rating shows a standard measure of your home's energy performance. It shows you (and future buyers) exactly how energy efficient your home is. The rating is calculated based on standard operation assumptions so that you can compare the energy performance of one house against another.

A home's energy efficiency level is rated on a scale of 0 to 100. A rating of 0 represents a home with major air leakage, no insulation and extremely high energy consumption. A rating of 100 represents a house that is airtight, well insulated, sufficiently ventilated and requires no purchased energy on an annual basis—as is the Parkland Net-Zero, but due to ways in which the default program settings are configured, the PNZ only scored a 93. For a brand new house, a rating of 80 or higher is excellent. Did you know that a one-point improvement on the EnerGuide rating scale typically reduces your home's energy consumption by 3 to 5 percent?

Typical Energy Efficiency Ratings	
Type of House	Rating
New House build to building code standards	65-72
New house with some energy-efficiency improvements	73-79
Energy-efficient new house	80-90
House requiring little or no purchased energy	91-100

Benefits of the EnerGuide label on your home

Homeowners are aware of high energy prices and are beginning to value evidence of energy efficiency. The EnerGuide rating label gives you that evidence. And when you are ready to move on, you will be selling a home with proven efficiency, with a rating backed by the Government of Canada. By choosing energy efficiency options, you will also be making a choice to help protect our environment. By using less energy, you reduce the greenhouse gas emissions your home produces that contribute to climate change.

For more information on the EnerGuide rating service, visit the Office of Energy Efficiency's Web site at newhomes.gc.ca.

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