

Better Environments, Inside and Out

Look for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Indoor airPLUS and ENERGY STAR labels on your new home. Reduced indoor air pollutants help protect your family inside. Reduced greenhouse gas emissions help protect the air outside.



Homes with the Indoor airPLUS label are designed for improved indoor air quality compared to homes built to minimum code.*

Why does indoor air quality matter?

People are increasingly concerned about mold, radon, carbon monoxide, and toxic chemicals in their homes. In fact, EPA studies show that levels of air pollution inside the home are often two to five times higher than outdoor levels. And poor indoor air quality can lead to eye irritation, headaches, allergies, respiratory problems such as asthma, and other serious health problems.

How can building practices help improve indoor air quality?

Kettler Forlines Homes uses a variety of construction practices and technologies to decrease the risk of poor indoor air quality, including careful selection and installation of moisture control systems, heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems, combustion-venting systems, and building materials. But it's not easy for homebuyers to keep track of all the preferred construction details that lead to improved indoor air quality. That's why EPA created the Indoor airPLUS label.

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/indoorairplus

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*Indoor airPLUS construction specifications are designed to help improve indoor air quality (IAQ) in new homes compared with homes built to minimum code. However, these features alone cannot prevent all IAQ problems. Occupant behavior is also important for IAQ. For example, products used in the home after occupancy and smoking inside may both negatively impact the home's IAQ and the performance of the specified Indoor airPLUS features.



How do homes earn the Indoor airPLUS label?

Start with ENERGY STAR

A home must first be designed and built to earn the ENERGY STAR—the government-backed symbol for energy efficiency. The result is a home that is significantly more energy efficient than a home built to minimum code, helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Add indoor air improvements

More than 30 additional home design and construction features are included in the Indoor airPLUS label to help protect qualified homes from moisture and mold, pests, combustion gases, and other airborne pollutants.

Complete the package with independent testing and verification

The home's energy performance and many key features of Indoor airPLUS are inspected by an independent third-party to ensure that the builder has properly followed EPA's rigorous guidelines for energy efficiency and indoor air quality.