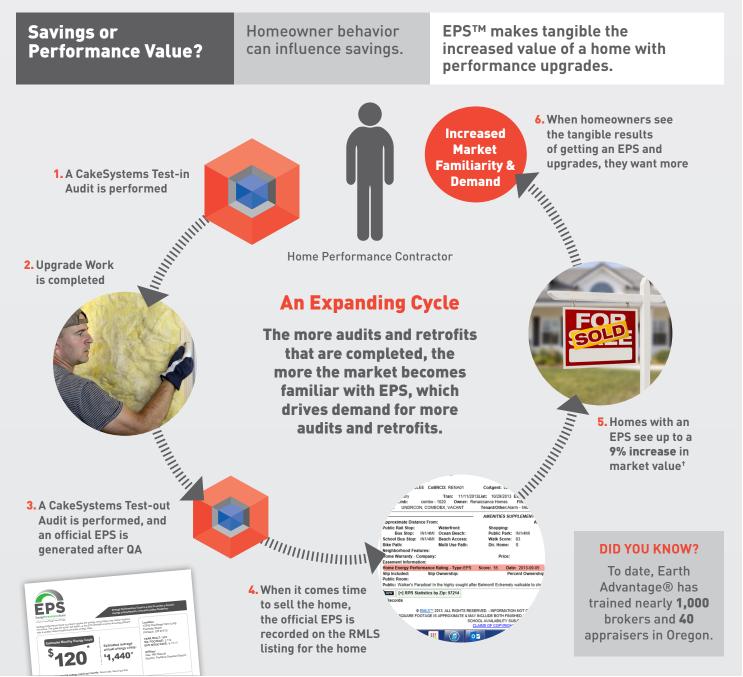
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What Drives the Demand for Energy Efficiency Upgrades?



70% Of homeowners considering energy efficiency improvements would find energy label information useful.*

95% Of homeowners familiar with energy labels would like to see them when they go to buy a home.*

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*2012 LBNL Study †"The Value of Green Labels in California Housing Market", July 2012, Nils Kok & Mathew Kahn and "Certified Home Performance, Assessing the Market Impacts of a Third-Party Certification on Residential Properties", May 2009, Ann Griffin, Ben Kaufman, and Sterling Hamilton

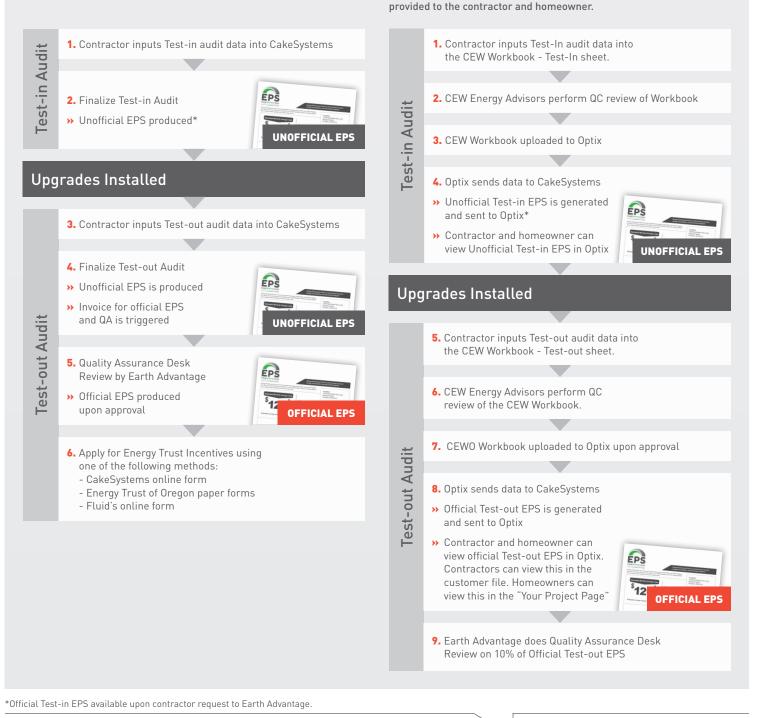
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EPS Workflows for Existing Homes in Oregon

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Contractor uses CakeSystems directly to produce EPS. Contractor shares the EPS with homeowner directly.



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CEW Workbook populates CakeSystems to create

the EPS. CakeSystems sends the EPS to Optix to be

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Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the EPS scorecard considered an asset rating & how is this different than just looking at utility bills?

The EPS scorecard provides data on the measured performance of a homes' energy consumption and carbon footprint under standard operating conditions. The EPS is able to be listed on the RMLS allowing real estate professionals and appraisers a verifiable measurement of a home's energy performance that can translate to more fair valuation of a home's energy efficiency improvements.

What is the main sales advantage to creating an official EPS scorecard?

The EPS allows you as a contractor to sell the value of comfort and savings outside of a conversation about exact utility bill savings. Measuring energy performance of a home on a label that is verified and maintained by a third-party (Earth Advantage) gives you credibility in communicating the added value of savings and comfort a home can realize through your work. Lower EPS scores equate to energy savings and more affordable comfort.

How is the value of an EPS verified in Oregon?

The value is verified through use on the RMLS. Only official EPS scores can be listed on the RMLS by a Realtor. Over time as familiarity and usage grows the specific value of better EPS scores can be proven. This has been the case with the inclusion green building certifications on the RMLS.

Are there statistics to support homeowner demand for the EPS?

It has been shown in at least two separate reports on homes from Seattle to California, that green labeling such as the EPS adds value to homes at the point of resale. The value added ranges from 3 – 9% depending on the market.*

What is the value of an EPS to a homeowner?

The homeowner with an official EPS can use that to capture the added value that would otherwise be invisible to a potential future buyer. It also provides them with a clear metric outside of their utility bills, which are behaviorally dependent, to measure their home's performance. 70% of surveyed Seattle homeowners⁺ considering energy improvements thought EPS data was useful in making decisions, although nearly all considered comfort and savings as more important.

What happens if the homeowner loses their scorecard? How do they get another one?

Earth Advantage maintains records of all official EPS scorecards ever issued for new and existing homes across the country. By contacting Earth Advantage a homeowner can receive a new digital copy of their official EPS.

How many EPS scorecards have been issued in Oregon to date?

Over 3,000 EPS scorecards issued have been issued for new and exsisting homes in Oregon.

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What are the differences/similarities between EPS for existing homes vs. new homes?

Similarities:

- EPS is always the measured under standard operating conditions, regardless of the occupant.
- > Visually, the Scoresheet looks the same.
- > The Official EPS is third-party verified
- > The Official EPS can be listed in the RMLS
- Contractors providing the EPS are required to be an Energy Trust Trade Ally

Differences:

- Different energy modeling engine produces the New Home vs Existing Homes EPS.
- In New Homes, the Homeowner will only see the Test-Out EPS. For Existing Homes, the Homeowner has the ability to see the change in the EPS before and after energy upgrades.
- > Homeowners will receive the EPS differently depending on the process. The new homes builder can send the homeowner the EPS. For existing homes, the home performance contractor or CEWO can send the homeowner an EPS. Benchmarks are different on the New Homes vs Existing Homes EPS.

How does a homeowner find a Realtor/ appraiser who knows about EPS?

Earth Advantage maintains a large database on their website that lists all the real estate professionals and appraisers who have taken our training. Simply visit: <u>earthadvantage.org/our-</u> <u>partners/find-a-professional.html</u>

How does an EPS get on the RMLS?

Only Realtors can upload an EPS score onto the RMLS. The Realtor code of ethics requires them to verify that the information is accurate and they need to have the homeowner's permission.

As a contractor, how do I use the EPS to explain "savings" effectively?

Every customer is interested in potential savings. The estimated savings provided on the EPS allows the contractor to indicate likely levels of savings without promising exact amounts. The contractor can state that these savings are based on a typical weather year and standard operating conditions. If a homeowner wants to know what "their" savings would be next year the contractor can point out it is up to how they operate the home and how severe the weather will be next year. "Your mileage may vary" analogy is an effective way to frame the conversation with the homeowner.

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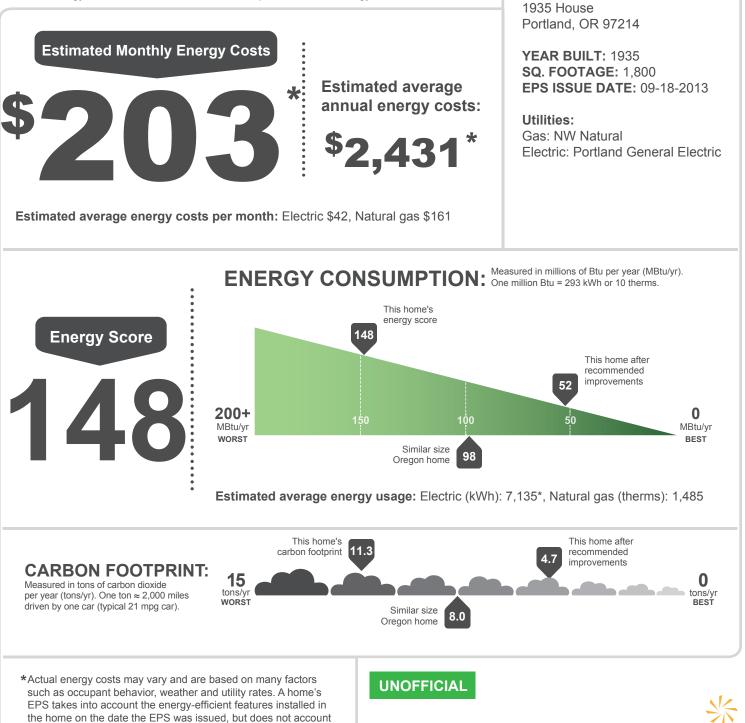


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Location:

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EPS is a tool to assess a home's energy consumption, cost and carbon footprint.

+ Energy-efficient features that contribute to this home's score:

Attic Insulation: None

Envelope Tightness: 4250 cfm50

Space Heating: Furnace - Inefficient

Wall Insulation: None Windows: Single Pane Water Heating: Tank Standard Floor Insulation: None Lighting: 15% Efficient

What was considered in developing this score?

A home's EPS is based on the energy-efficient features listed above, as well as the home's size and specific design. Improvements, additions and updates made to the home after the issue date of this score sheet may change the energy score, carbon footprint and estimated energy costs for this home. EPS does not factor in occupant behavior, and as a result, your actual energy costs may vary.

Energy-efficient features

R-Value: Rates the efficiency of insulation; a higher R-Value signals improved performance of ceiling, wall and floor insulation.

U-Value: Indicates the rate of heat loss in windows; a lower U-Value demonstrates the effectiveness of a window, resulting in a more comfortable home.

CFM50: Measures air leakage in Cubic Feet per Minute at 50 Pascals; this measurement is taken during a blower door test. The higher the measurement number, the more likely there is a high rate of air leakage occurring in your home.

EF: Energy Factor for water heaters or appliances; the higher the EF, the more energy efficient the model.

Energy score

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Similar size Oregon home

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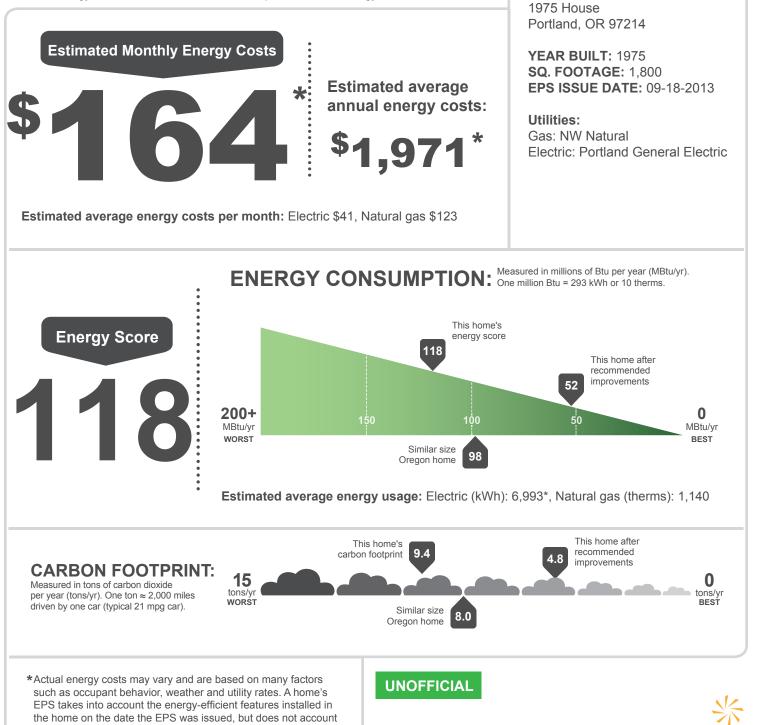
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Attic Insulation: Partial

Envelope Tightness: 3100 cfm50

Space Heating: Furnace - Inefficient

Wall Insulation: Insulated Windows: Single Pane Water Heating: Tank Standard Floor Insulation: Insulated Lighting: 15% Efficient

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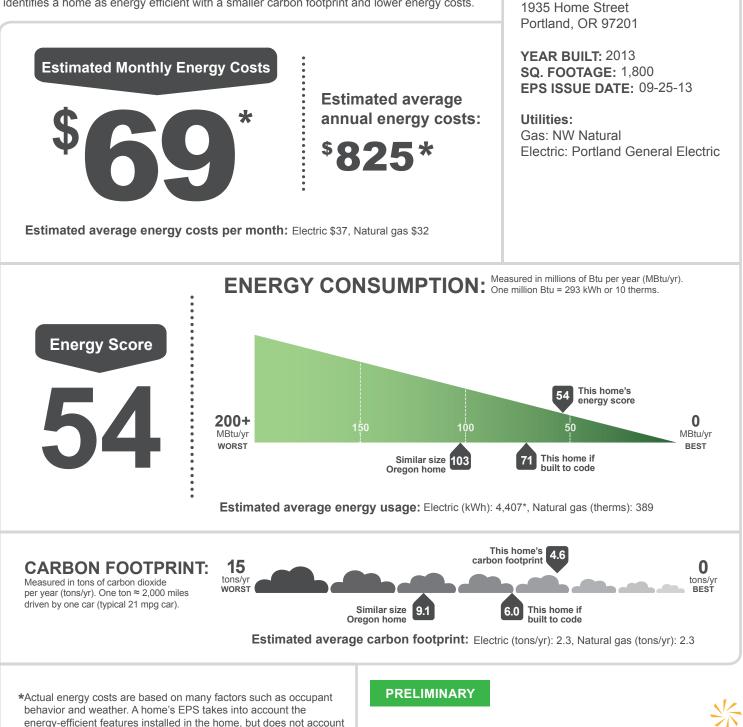
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+ Energy-efficient features that contribute to this home's score:

Insulated Ceiling: R-49 Insulated Walls: R-23 Insulated Floors: R-30 Efficient Windows: U-0.30 Efficient Lighting: 100.0% Water Heater: Tankless 0.82 EF Space Heating: 94.0% AFUE Furnace Envelope Tightness: 4.0 ACH @ 50Pa

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This home if built to code

The estimated annual energy and carbon use for this home if it was just built to the minimum standards allowed under Oregon code at the time of construction without energy-efficient features installed.

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High Performance Home Valuation Addendum

In order to evaluate the energy efficiency and high performance additions of the dwelling improvements, and in the absence of comparable sales or other traditional database, the appraiser has reviewed the estimate of energy efficiency component costs as presented below.

The High Performance Value premium, based on the incremental installation costs of the energy-efficiency features , is \$______, which represents an added value to the market value conclusion set forth in the appraisal report.

	Adjusted Value Conclus	sion	
Market Value		\$	
Energy Efficiency Value		\$	
TOTA	AL ESTIMATED VALUE	\$	
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The following responsible planning, energy efficient or green features were added to this home under the below categories. Each respective category has been assigned a respective value according to construction, installation, process or procurement costs.

Home Asset Label	Score
Energy Performance Score (EPS)	
Home Energy Rating System (HERS)	
Home Energy Score (HES)	
Other (please specify):	
Third-Party Certification	Level (ex. Gold
Earth Advantage®	
ENERGY STAR®	
LEED® for Homes	
Other (please specify):	
Fill out Incremental Cost Above Code or	Standard Practice

1. Plywood (versus OSB)	\$
2. Rainscreen Wall System with 3/8" Air Space	\$
3. Window and Door Sill Pan Flashing System	\$
4. 40-Year Roofing Materials	\$

Wall Framing and Insulation

5. Exterior Foam Insulation	\$
6. Structural Insulated Panel System (SIPS)	\$
7. Insulated Concrete Forms System (ICF)	\$
8. Ceiling Insulation – Upgraded	\$
9. BIBS (blown-in fiberglass or cellulose insulation) versus cost of batt insulation	\$
10. Spray Foam Insulation	\$

Heating and Cooling Systems

Efficiency:	\$
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Appliances

19. Water Heater - Tankless	Efficiency:	\$
20. Water Heater	Efficiency:	\$
21. Clothes Washer		\$
22. Refrigerator		\$
23. Dishwasher		\$

24. Air Filtration System	\$
25. Mechanical Ventilation Type:	\$
26. Green-Labeled Carpet and Pad	\$
27. Central Vacuum	\$
Indoor Water	
28. High-Efficiency Toilet (1.28 gpf or dual flush)	\$
29. On-Demand Hot Water	\$
30. Low-Volume Irrigation System	\$
Irrigation	
31. Rainwater Collection	\$
Solar Thermal and Photovoltaic 32. Photovoltaic (solar electric system)	\$
33. Photovoltaic: Pre-wired photovoltaic for future hookup	\$
34. Solar Hot Water System	\$
35. Solar Hot Water: Pre-Plumbed	\$
Innovative Measures	
36.	\$
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