



Built for savings

DTE's New Homes Program offers rebates to encourage the construction of high-efficiency homes. Your participating homebuilder will use advanced construction methods to meet a higher standard of energy performance in newly built homes. DTE is committed to reducing our environmental impact, one household at a time.

Each home is inspected and tested by a third-party Home Energy Rating System® (HERS®) rater who is trained in best practices for energy efficiency.

The result? A home built with exceptional design and materials that boost quality, comfort, and energy savings, which you can enjoy for years to come.

Built-in benefits

DTE New Homes use less energy than homes built to minimum standards, which saves you energy costs each year, over the lifetime of your home. Energy-saving features are designed to increase comfort, reduce energy and maintenance costs, and maintain your home's value over time.

DTE New Homes deliver:

- **Increased comfort** – These homes are built to minimize leaks and drafts that can cause hot and cold spots. Innovative techniques and high-efficiency equipment provide year-round, wall-to-wall comfort.
- **Healthier indoor spaces** – Tight construction reduces drafts, moisture, dust, pests, and pollen; it also contributes to healthier indoor air and a more comfortable home.
- **Retained value** – DTE New Homes are more durable and verified by a recognized third-party HERS® rater, which can boost resale value.
- **Higher level of energy efficiency code compliance** – Participating homes are designed to exceed Michigan's building energy code, meaning these homes are more efficient than many non-participating homes. A third-party HERS rater inspects and tests each home to confirm it exceeds energy code requirements.

For more information, visit dteenergy.com/newhomes or contact us at dteneewhomes@icf.com

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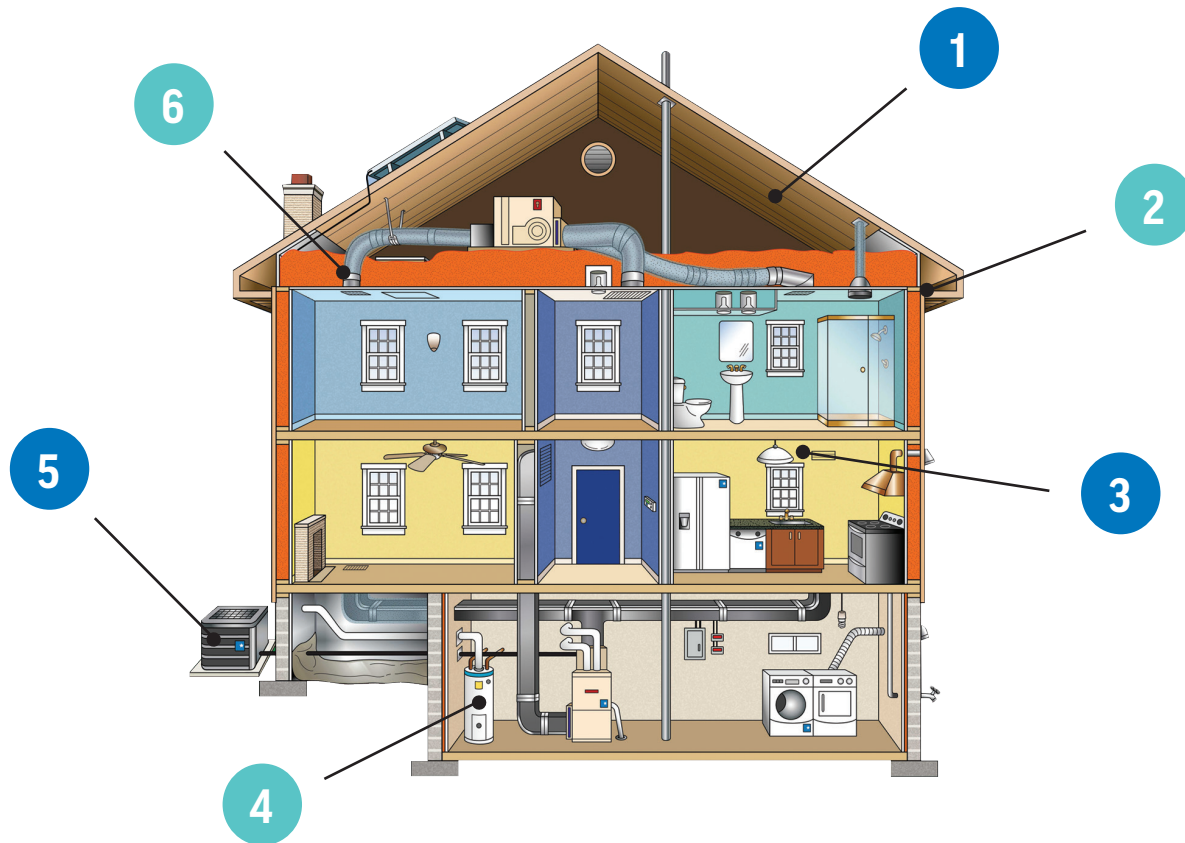
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Built to a higher standard



How high-efficiency homes are built

Builders that participate in the DTE Energy New Homes Program focus on the following elements in the design and construction of participating homes.*



- 1. Independent inspection and testing**
Each participating home is inspected and tested by a third-party HERS® rater. A house built in Michigan with traditional materials and methods typically has a score between 72 and 80. The DTE Energy New Homes Program requires homes to score a 60 or less, resulting in more energy savings than a home built with traditional methods.
- 2. Airtight home construction**
Tight construction reduces drafts, moisture, dust, pests, and pollen; it contributes to healthier indoor air and a more comfortable home.
- 3. Energy efficient lighting systems**
High-efficiency lighting uses less energy and produces less waste heat. Lower waste heat reduces the demand on your air conditioner during the summer and saves you money year-round.
- 4. Energy efficient water heating system**
Efficient water heating systems save energy while providing equivalent or improved supply capacity, which will keep you from running out of hot water.
- 5. Energy efficient heating and cooling equipment**
Properly sized systems require less maintenance and last longer. This is especially important for your air conditioner, because a properly sized system works much more efficiently and helps control humidity.
- 6. Tight HVAC ductwork**
Tight ducts can help lower your energy use, improve the air quality in your home, and maintain a comfortable temperature.

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*Not all the features listed here will be included in all homes that qualify for the DTE New Homes Program. Talk with your homebuilder for specific information about your home's features.

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