## Introducing the RESNET Energy Smart Program

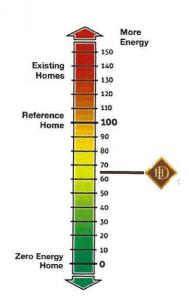
Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) is a recognized national standards-making body for building energy efficiency rating and certification systems in the United States. RESNET's industry-leading standards are recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. mortgage industry. Every Darling home is certified under the RESNET Energy Smart Program.

## **HERS Index**

RESNET established the Home Energy Rating System (HERS), a nationally ranked index to measure a home's energy efficiency.

Homes built to the specifications of the HERS Reference Home (based on the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code) scores a HERS Index of approximately 100, while an older home typically scores a HERS Index of 130. A low HERS score equates to significant energy cost savings compared to older homes. The average score for a new Darling home typically ranges between 60 - 70.

In addition to the RESNET Energy Smart program, here are additional methods Darling Homes builds into your home to reduce environmental impact and energy consumption while delivering a quality, comfortable living environment.



## **Energy and Resource Efficiency**

- Low-E double paned windows reduce outdoor noise and help control the outside temperature inside your home
- Engineered foundation and frame to optimize material usage
- 16 SEER performance HVAC system designed to fit your particular home
- Programmable thermostat included to control the temperature in your home more efficiently and the comfort of your home
- Energy-efficient gas cooking appliances and gas water heater
- LED lighting reduces energy costs

## **Enhanced Water Conservation**

- Water-conserving shower heads, faucets and ENERGY STAR® dishwasher
- Drought tolerant landscaping and indigenous plants to enhance longevity and reduce maintenance
- Installed irrigation system is zoned and equipped with rain sensor shut-off

With these building methods and environmentally-friendly products, Darling Homes offers the ideal balance of superior craftsmanship and luxurious livability.



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