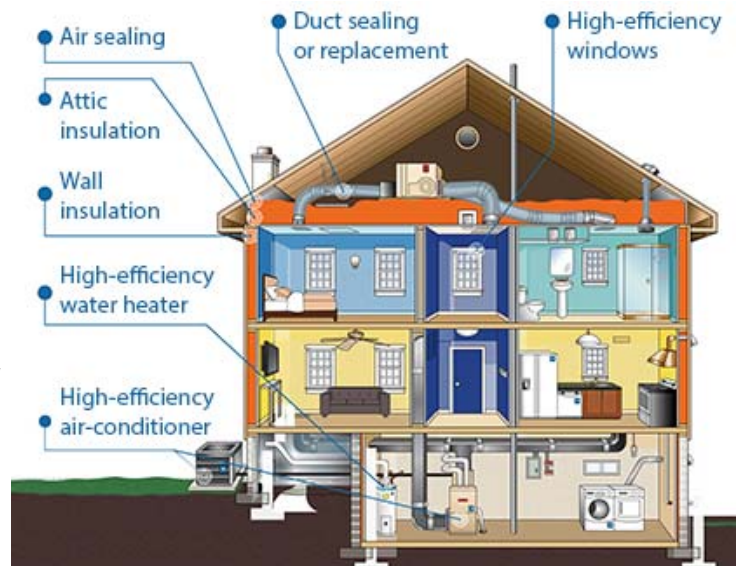


Efficient and Resilient Homes

Energy efficient homes:

- Save annual energy costs
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Have better indoor air quality
- Allow residents to live more comfortably when energy is



Measures to Improve Both Efficiency and Resiliency

Consider the following measures when designing a new home:

- Orient the house to sun and use other passive solar energy strategies
- Build your house with solar panels, or make it solar-ready
- Ensure walls, attics, and floors are well-insulated
- Put in high performance windows
- Use high-efficiency appliances, such as heat pump water heaters
- If planning to install solar panels, look also at features that can be powered with electricity from the panels, such as:
 - electric vehicle charging
 - induction stovetops
 - heat pump water or space heaters
- Save water as well as energy with features like:
 - high efficiency water fixtures