

# A Better Environment

...inside and out



WHERE LUXURY IS STANDARD

## a **Better** way to live.

**W**ouldn't you like to lower your home energy costs without sacrificing a thing?

**W**ouldn't it be great if increased comfort didn't come at the expense of increased energy efficiency, but because of it?

**W**ouldn't it be the best of both worlds if you could shrink your carbon footprint yet occupy a larger space?

**W**ouldn't you appreciate being able to express your style in a way that also makes a statement about environmental responsibility?

Wouldn't that be a **BETTER** way to live?

## choose to live **Better!**

### **Choose Decora Homes.**

Life is all about the choices we make. And investing in a Decora home is one of the **BETTER** choices you'll ever make. You'll know it from the moment you first walk through the front door and you'll appreciate it every single day for as long as you call it home. Our high standards, quality of materials and understanding of the science of home construction means we build a **BETTER** house, so well-made being ENERGY STAR® qualified is just the beginning.

### **More Money in Your Pocket?**

It's comforting to know that, on average, you'll pay about 30% less for energy in a Decora home. And as you enjoy lower costs, because it's ENERGY STAR®, you'll watch your initial investment appreciate over time.

### **Why Pay More for ENERGY STAR®?**

ENERGY STAR® comes standard with your Decora home, so there are no additional fees or charges on your mortgage. You'll benefit from the cost savings on your monthly utilities as soon as you move in, so you can use those dollars on whatever you choose.



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And with Decora Homes, ENERGY STAR® is just the beginning.

## do you want a Better house?

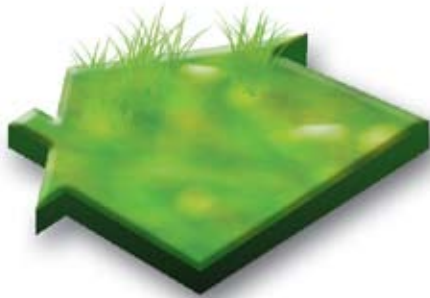
A Decora home is just more comfortable. It is warmer in winter and cooler in summer... and it is quieter all year long! And with advanced ventilation systems, you can breathe easier at night knowing your family is healthier thanks to superior air quality.

### **Want to do the Planet a World of Good?**

Your new ENERGY STAR® home will reduce greenhouse gas emissions between 2 and 3 tonnes and save up to 1200 kilowatt hours of electricity every single year. Think of it this way – a tree absorbs about 1 tonne of greenhouse gas per year so owning an ENERGY STAR® home is like planting 2 or 3 trees every year for the life of the house.

### **It's All Upside.**

Save money, help reduce emissions, reduce your impact on the planet and live more comfortably in the process. When you move into a Decora home, life feels a whole lot **BETTER**.



## what makes every new home we build a Better home?

### **Energy-Saving Insulation.**

- 2"x 6" exterior wall construction clad with 1" rigid insulated sheathing to a total value of R-25.5.
- R-12 blanket insulation on basement walls down to basement floor to make it a drier, warmer and more livable space.
- R-40 insulation in ceilings with unheated attic space above and in non-attic ceilings such as cathedral ceilings.
- R-31 spray foam insulation to exposed floor areas over unheated spaces such as garages and porches.

### **Hard Working Windows.**

- Low-E, Argon-Filled Double-Glazed Windows to help keep heat in your home in winter and help keep heat out of your home in summer.

### **Energy Efficient Devices.**

- ENERGY STAR® qualified high-efficiency gas fired 2-stage forced air furnace that is quieter and more efficient to run.
- Programmable thermostat.
- Heat Recovery Ventilation (HRV) to replace stale air with fresh air while recovering up to 80% of the heat from the exhausted air.
- Compact fluorescent bulbs.

## Better barriers to air leakage.

- All exterior walls feature a continuous air barrier which is stapled to the exterior sheathing. All joints and staples as well as sills, headers and cantilevers are sealed with sheathing tape.
- Expanding foam is used around all window and exterior doors for an airtight seal. Electrical outlets and switches on exterior walls as well as exhaust vents from the dryer, furnace and bathroom fans are also sealed with expanding foam, sealant or tape.
- Basement ductwork joints are taped to improve furnace efficiency and airflow.
- Every home is air tested by a third party to confirm standard is achieved.



## to us, Better means going beyond the basics.

Making sure your new home is ENERGY STAR® qualified is just the beginning. At our Design Studio you'll find a wide selection of energy efficient choices – from ENERGY STAR® appliances and furnaces to low-flow toilets and faucets to flooring made from renewable, sustainable resources. There are literally hundreds of products that can make your new home even more energy-efficient and more beautiful.

### **Express Yourself!**

Create the environment you've always imagined for yourself and your family. Make your new home a Decora home, a house so well built it happens to be ENERGY STAR®. Let us help you make **BETTER** the very best it can be.



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Solid waste : 17kg  
Water : 1,622L  
Suspended particles in the water : 0.1kg  
Air emissions : 38kg  
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