

The LEED Rating System

LEED® stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. It is a national third-party rating system administered by the US Green Building Council. LEED for Homes is a rating system that promotes the design and construction of high-performance green homes. A green home uses less energy, water and natural resources; creates less waste; and is healthier and more comfortable for the occupants. Benefits of a LEED home include lower energy and water bills; reduced greenhouse gas emissions; and less exposure to mold, mildew and other indoor toxins.

Each LEED Home is scored according to the LEED for Homes Checklist. There are 110 possible points in the Checklist. There are four levels of certification: Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum.



LEED for Homes Certification Levels	Number of LEED for Homes Points Required
Certified	40-49
Silver	50-59
Gold	60-79
Platinum	80-110
Total Available Points	110

Each LEED Home is third-party verified by ENERGY STAR and LEED Raters who perform a series of inspections to guarantee that minimum requirements and credits claimed in the checklist are met.

The complete LEED for Homes Rating System can be downloaded from www.usgbc.org.