

BETTER HOMES, LOWER COSTS, BRIGHTER FUTURES



Updating Utah's Home Energy Code will Save Utahns Money and Boost the Economy

Many Utah families are needlessly paying hundreds of dollars more on energy bills each year and thousands on home repairs because their houses were built to outdated energy codes. Energy is one of the greatest costs of homeownership and will take an even bigger bite out of household income as energy prices rise. We can't afford to let inefficient homes continue to eat away at Utahns' financial wellbeing. Bringing the state's home energy code up-to-date will stop this unnecessary waste of energy and save Utahns money.

Updating the energy code will also help boost Utah's ailing economy, creating jobs for the state's struggling home construction and real estate industries and helping communities thrive and grow. In communities where there is limited power supply, it can be difficult to attract new businesses and development; updating the energy code will reduce energy waste and free up power to support new business growth across the state.

Lock-in Energy Savings

New homes will be around for 100 years or more. If they aren't built energy-smart from the start, unnecessary energy waste will drive up energy bills for the life of a home. Energy codes set standards for new home construction and renovations so that energy waste is eliminated at the time of construction.

Utah's existing home energy code is outdated and driving up energy costs for residents. You can help change this.

Utah lawmakers now have the opportunity to update the state's home energy code, ensuring that all new homes are built energy-smart from the start. Contact your local representatives today and urge them to lock-in energy savings for Utah families and update the home energy code.

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Updating Utah's Home Energy Code Will:

✓ Save Utahns Money	✓ Protect Utah Residents	✓ Boost Utah's Economy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save households an average of \$192 a year on utility bills, even after accounting for the cost of building homes to code* • Reduce the need for expensive home energy repairs • Help make homeownership more affordable • Protect Utahns from rising energy prices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure new home energy systems are working correctly • Increase comfort and health for homeowners and renters • Ensure all new homes, not just high-end homes, are energy-efficient • Provide all Utahns equal opportunity to buy or rent energy-efficient new homes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive up demand for energy-saving products and services • Create jobs in Utah's growing home energy industry • Free up household money to be spent elsewhere in the economy • Help attract new companies and more job opportunities to the state



* Building Codes Awareness Project: "The True Cost of the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code for New Homes in Utah" (2011)

Energy from new power plants is at least twice as expensive as energy saved through efficient home construction

Increasing Energy Security for All Utahns

Energy demand and prices in Utah have risen substantially over the past 10 years. Utah's largest electric utility, Rocky Mountain Power, just asked for a 13 percent rate hike and is projecting a massive energy deficit in Utah by 2015*. Utah's homes and other buildings consume the majority of energy produced in the state. The more we can do to lower home energy use, the fewer power plants utilities have to build. This saves money for all Utahns – not just new homeowners – since energy from new power plants is at least twice as expensive as energy saved through efficient home construction. Updating the state's home energy code is absolutely essential to keeping energy costs low for all residents and businesses and for improving the state's energy security.

* 2011 Integrated Resource Plan, Rocky Mountain Power/PacifiCorp

Help Ensure
Utah
Homes are
Built
Energy-Smart
from the
Start!

Tell your elected officials that you want Utah's homes to be built energy-smart from the start!

Visit this website to find your representatives:
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