



NY Rising Housing Recovery Program Energy Code Compliance

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All construction must adhere to green building standards. For repairs, the Architect/Engineer and Contractor must follow the HUD Green Retrofit Standards. HUD Green Energy Standards require that you must use ENERGY STAR equipment and follow other green guidelines in whatever areas of the home you are touching during construction. You must also comply with the ECCC-NY 2010, the Energy Code of the State of New York. In the case of repairs, if you are not touching it, you do not have to bring it up to code standards.

For renovations of an existing building where the renovation is a “substantial renovation” (more than 50% of a building subsystem is replaced or for reconstruction, the Architect/Engineer and Contractor must follow ECCC-NY 2010, which includes the following provisions:

- Work done for renovation of a subsystem or reconstruction must be certified. Your municipality will either require a US DOE program such as RESCheck, or a HERS certification, which is done by an independent third party. Check with your municipality as to whether RESCheck or HERS is required.
- HERS generally has more stringent requirements than RESCheck. . Your Architect must be aware of which certification is required and specify systems accordingly.
- ECCC-NY 2010 certification (RESCheck or HERS, whichever your municipality requires) is required in order to obtain a certificate of occupancy (COO) from your local building code official.
- Many of the standards that must be followed require ENERGY STAR equipment to be used. The cost for this equipment is accounted in the benefit amount calculated for your home by NY Rising. This means that your new equipment will not only be an eligible program expense, but also work more efficiently and save you money in energy costs.

Above all, make sure your Architect and Contractor understand the municipal requirements and are authorized to provide certification if required to do so. Obtaining proper energy certification is a critical step towards receiving your certificate of occupancy and ultimately your final NY Rising payment.

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