

ARMADILLO HOMES IS RECOGNIZED WITH A 2009 ENERGY STAR® LEADERSHIP IN HOUSING AWARD

ARMADILLO HOMES earns award for **building** new homes that protect the environment through energy efficiency

San Antonio, Texas— **Armadillo Homes** is pleased to announce that it has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with a 2009 ENERGY STAR Leadership in Housing Award. This award recognizes the important contribution **Armadillo Homes** has made to energy-efficient construction and environmental protection by **BUILDING** more than **241** ENERGY STAR qualified homes last year. Collectively, these homes will save our customers approximately **\$107,727** on utility bills each year.

The environmental benefits of these ENERGY STAR qualified homes are equal to the equivalent of:

- Eliminating the emissions from **118** vehicles;
- Saving **714,324** lbs of coal;
- Planting **195** acres of trees; or
- Saving the environment **1,400,933** pounds of CO2 per year.

To earn the ENERGY STAR, a home must meet strict guidelines for energy efficiency set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. These homes are at least 15% more energy efficient than homes built to the 2004 International Residential Code (IRC), and include additional energy-saving features that typically make them 20–30% more efficient than standard homes.

At Armadillo Homes, being an Energy Star builder means priding ourselves on achieving a healthier home, saving energy and building a home that is good for the environment.
Jeff Czar, COO

ENERGY STAR qualified homes offer homebuyers all the features they want in a new home, plus energy-saving features like effective insulation systems, high performance windows, tight construction and ducts, properly-sized and installed efficient heating and cooling equipment, efficient products, and third-party verification of energy performance.

“Most homebuyers focus on what's outside the walls,” said Sam Rashkin, National Director for EPA's ENERGY STAR Homes Program, “but they also need to look behind the walls for the energy-efficient features found in ENERGY STAR qualified homes that help ensure comfort, quiet, improved indoor air quality, and low utility bills for years to come.”

Armadillo Homes was founded in 1973 and has built a reputation for providing homeowners with a commitment to quality, craftsmanship and thoughtful attention to detail. The Armadillo Team is dedicated to doing everything we can to help families achieve their dream of home ownership, with a sincere commitment to quality, value and service.

About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR was introduced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 as a voluntary market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency. Today, ENERGY STAR offers businesses and consumers energy-efficient solutions to save energy, money and help protect the environment for future generations. More than 12,000 organizations are ENERGY STAR partners committed to improving the energy efficiency of products, homes, buildings and businesses. For more information about ENERGY STAR, visit www.energystar.gov or call toll-free 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937).