

BUILD IT RIGHT



Make sure your construction project meets Vermont's Residential Building Energy Standards (RBES)

What Is [RBES](#)?

- Vermont's minimum standard for energy efficient construction
- Applies to new single family & multifamily homes*, major renovations and additions
- Exempt: Seasonal camps, unheated buildings, some tiny houses

Why It Matters

- Warm & Dry** – Good insulation + moisture control
- Lower Bills** – Efficient heating, cooling & appliances
- Healthy Air** – Fresh ventilation, less mold
- Protect Value** – Easier to sell, fewer costly problems

Your Responsibility

By law, **homeowner + contractor + architect** need to ensure RBES compliance.

If you skip it, you risk:

- Higher heating bills
- Poor indoor air
- Expensive repairs

3 Ways to Comply

- 1 **Checklist Method** – Select RBES level and achieve related points based on building size
- 2 **REScheck** – Free online tool to test your design: <https://www.energycodes.gov/rescheck>
- 3 **Energy Rater** – Hire a pro to inspect your design & maximize energy efficiency credits

What To Do Now

- ✓ **Ask your contractor** – “Are we RBES compliant?”
- ✓ **File the [RBES certificate](#)** – keep a copy for selling your home

PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT

- **RBES isn't red tape - it's how you build a home that's warm, healthy, and affordable for years to come.**

For more information contact: [Greensboro Energy & Climate Action Committee](#)

* multifamily residential buildings up to three stories high