

## **EPS for Manufactured Homes FAQs**

What is an EPSTM ?

EPSTM, brought to you by Energy Trust of Oregon, is an energy performance score that measures and rates the energy consumption and carbon footprint of a home. The lower the score, the better – a low EPS identifies a home as energy efficient with a smaller carbon footprint and lower energy costs.

How is the EPS different from the ENERGY STAR® certification?

ENERGY STAR homes achieve a high level of efficiency through a combination of energy-efficient components built into the home as well as ENERGY STAR qualified lighting and appliances. EPS provides an easy way to compare manufactured homes models based on energy use, estimated utility costs and related carbon footprint. EPS can be used in conjunction with ENERGY STAR to compare the performance of an ENERGY STAR certified manufactured home to home built to code, as well as to compare heating options.

How is EPS different from the eco-rated certification?

EPS provides a way to compare the energy cost and performance of different manufactured homes and models. EPS can be used in conjunction with eco-rated manufactured homes to demonstrate the superior performance of homes with these certifications.

How do I use EPS?

EPS helps homebuyers evaluate behind-the-walls features that affect a home's performance. You can use EPS to determine which home is right for you based on estimated energy use and utility costs.

What is ENERGY STAR Plus and is it different than ENERGY STAR?

How should I interpret the score?

The lower the score the better, as it means more energy-efficient features are built into the home. A home's EPS is shown on an energy scale that ranges from zero to 200+ and is based on home estimated energy use of natural gas or electricity.

How is an EPS determined?

EPS for a new manufactured home is based on energy testing that utilizes the detailed floor plans of the model home, energy-efficient features installed in the home and regional energy costs. By taking all of these factors into consideration, EPS provides a snapshot of energy use, estimated utility costs and related carbon footprint for a new manufactured model home.

Who is Energy Trust of Oregon?

Energy Trust of Oregon is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to providing utility customers with low-cost, clean energy solutions. Energy Trust has helped participating customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, NW Natural and Cascade Natural Gas save energy and money on their energy bills.

Does Energy Trust's EPS guarantee my future energy costs?

No, EPS does not guarantee future costs. EPS provides estimated annual energy costs of a home under average operating conditions. Actual energy costs for a homeowner vary based on many factors such as any alterations to the model home plans, occupant behavior, weather and average regional utility energy rates used in calculating the estimated monthly and yearly energy costs.