

**Building or fixing
up a home?
Learn more about
the Vermont
Residential Energy
Code Requirements.**



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About the residential code

The Vermont Residential Energy Code — officially called the Vermont Residential Building Energy Standards (VT-RBES) is a minimum standard of energy efficiency that applies to virtually all new residential construction, renovations, alterations, and repairs in Vermont.

Today, VT-RBES requirements represent an increase in energy efficiency that, for the first time, pushes the energy code requirements beyond long held conventional insulation and construction practice. This increase in efficiency will result in a reduction in energy use and lower home operating costs for the homeowner. New air sealing requirements will also lead to homes that are more comfortable to live in.

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Insulation requirements

Thermal performance requirements for many building components, including windows and doors, have changed significantly from the previous energy code. It is important to refer to the RBES handbook for a complete list of thermal (R-values and U-values) requirements.

Free energy code resources

- **Get a free handbook.** The Vermont Residential Building Energy Code Handbook is a home builder's guide to meeting VT-RBES. The handbook provides step-by-step instructions on how to meet the energy code requirements. It puts all the information you need to know about Vermont's Energy Code for residential construction into one publication. Download a copy from the Vermont Department of Public Service website at publicservice.vermont.gov/energy/ee_resbuildingstandards.html or call the Energy Code Assistance Center to request a hardcopy.
- **Call the Energy Code Assistance Center.** The Energy Code Assistance Center provides free technical assistance on how to meet the requirements of the current VT-RBES.

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Questions about the Commercial Energy Code?

To get the latest information about the commercial building energy standards visit the website of the Vermont Department of Public Service at publicservice.vermont.gov/energy/ee_commstandards.html.

To request a free copy of the commercial energy code, call the Energy Code Assistance Center.