

Daybreak's Model Home Preview Presents the Future of Daybreak Home Plans

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Over the weekend of June 26, a new Brookside model home gallery was premiered at Kennecott Land's Daybreak Development.

The homes presented the future of Daybreak home plans, with ENERGY STAR rated homes scoring as low as the 60s, in terms of the Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Index.

The HERS Index was established by the Residential Energy Services Network to establish a scoring system for energy efficiency. The lower the HERS Index, the more energy efficient the home in comparison to the 2006 HERS reference home, which was built to International Energy Conservation Code. The average home, built before 2006, scores over 100 on the HERS Index.

According to Energy Star, in order for homes to receive the Energy Star rating, they must meet the energy efficiency guidelines set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Energy Star qualified homes contain a variety of energy efficient features including effective insulation, high-performance windows, tight construction and ducts, efficient heating and cooling equipment, efficient products--such as appliances, light fixtures, light bulbs, etc. and verification of efficiency from a third party.

"Over time, we plan to build around 20,000 homes," said Cameron Jackson, Marketing Manager for Daybreak, "When you build that many, you have to be responsible."

In order to save homebuyers money, the homes at Daybreak are move-in ready, which Jackson has seen as a perk that has helped maintain stable home sales within the Daybreak community. Within the state of Utah, Daybreak has the highest new home sales. Nationally, Daybreak ranks sixth for highest new home sales.

"People don't want to spend \$20,000 to \$30,000 on their home after they've purchased it," said Jackson, "We're helping buyers save money on their investment" by providing energy efficient and move-in ready homes.

The new home plans previewed, including single family and townhomes, start in the \$170s and go up to the \$500s.