

# New York ENERGY STAR® Labeled Homes Program

## Saratoga County



When Jim and Debbie Stewart decided to build a new home, they knew that the price of heating and cooling would likely go up over the years. The Stewarts and their three young children Liam, Nolan and Morgan have always tried to conserve as much energy as they can on their own. So, when they were presented with the opportunity to purchase a New York ENERGY STAR Labeled Home, which uses approximately 30 percent less energy than a conventionally built new home, they couldn't pass it up.

The Stewarts agreed it was worth investing a little more money upfront in order to save money throughout the life of their home. In January 2005, they bought a 2,100-square-foot Center Hall Colonial in Wilton built by DeGraff Bloom Custom Builders of Charlton. From the ENERGY STAR qualified light fixtures and appliances to the energy efficient windows, doors and furnace, the Stewarts couldn't be happier with their new home.

**ENERGY STAR features:** Improved insulation and air sealing techniques, high quality windows and doors, high-efficiency heating and cooling system, well-sealed duct system, ENERGY STAR qualified appliances and programmable thermostat.

Take advantage of the New York ENERGY STAR Labeled Homes program today. No matter what style, size or price of house you want to build, it can be built to meet the New York ENERGY STAR standards.

Visit [www.GetEnergySmart.org](http://www.GetEnergySmart.org) for more information or call toll-free **1-877-NY-SMART**. You can request a complete package of information, including a list of participating builders in your area.

*"Purchasing a New York ENERGY STAR Labeled Home was one of the best decisions we made with our new house. We take comfort in knowing that our new house is a quality built and energy efficient home."*

*Jim Stewart*



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New York Energy Smart<sup>SM</sup> programs are designed to lower electricity costs by encouraging energy efficiency as the State's electric utilities move to competition. The programs are available to electric distribution customers (residential, commercial, institutional and industrial) who pay into the SBC.