

The Certificate

Beginning fall 2019, Epic Homes assessments in Fort Collins will receive an Epic Certificate. The certificate uses the Home Energy Score to calculate the energy savings potential for homes. In addition, the certificate will list all energy efficiency and renewable projects completed through the Efficiency Works Homes and rooftop solar programs.

Home energy scores are completed by professional energy assessors on a 10-point scale.

- Indicates highest energy use
- 5 Indicates average energy use
- 10 Indicates lowest energy use

The Home Energy Score was developed by the U.S. Department of Energy and is comparable to a miles per gallon rating on cars.

Why it Matters

By using the Epic Certificate, sellers and buyers have an asset-based, verified way to demonstrate the energy efficiency value of a home and use it for market comparison and loan offering purposes.

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SELLER PERSPECTIVE

- Helps more easily showcase energy efficiency improvements.
- Provides a means to recoup investments made in energy efficiency features.
- Provides an opportunity to differentiate their home from similar homes in the area.

BUYER PERSPECTIVE

- Allows a realistic picture of the full costs of owning a home.
- Provides a list of completed home performance improvements before they move in.
- Provides an estimate of energy savings compared to similar homes in the area.