

INCENTIVE OVERVIEW

ENHANCED INCENTIVES TO REBUILD HOMES DESTROYED BY WILDFIRES

Oregon communities recovering from devastating wildfires need long-term support to rebuild. Energy Trust of Oregon is offering enhanced cash incentives to help displaced homeowners and participating trade ally builders construct new EPS™ rated homes that are energy efficient, resilient and help homeowners save energy and utility costs into the future.

SUPPORTING EFFICIENT HOME BUILDING

EPS is an energy performance score for newly built homes. Incentives are performance based, meaning the more efficient the home, the higher the incentive. To qualify for enhanced wildfire recovery incentives, homes must:

- Be located on land that previously occupied a home that was destroyed by wildfire and served by a participating utility
- Complete construction and have verifier submit program documentation between January 1, 2022 and November 30, 2023

STEPS TO PARTICIPATE

STEP 1: HOMEOWNER SELECTS A BUILDER

Homeowners looking to rebuild can find qualified builders through our list of Energy Trust trade allies.

STEP 2: BUILDER SELECTS AND WORKS WITH VERIFIER

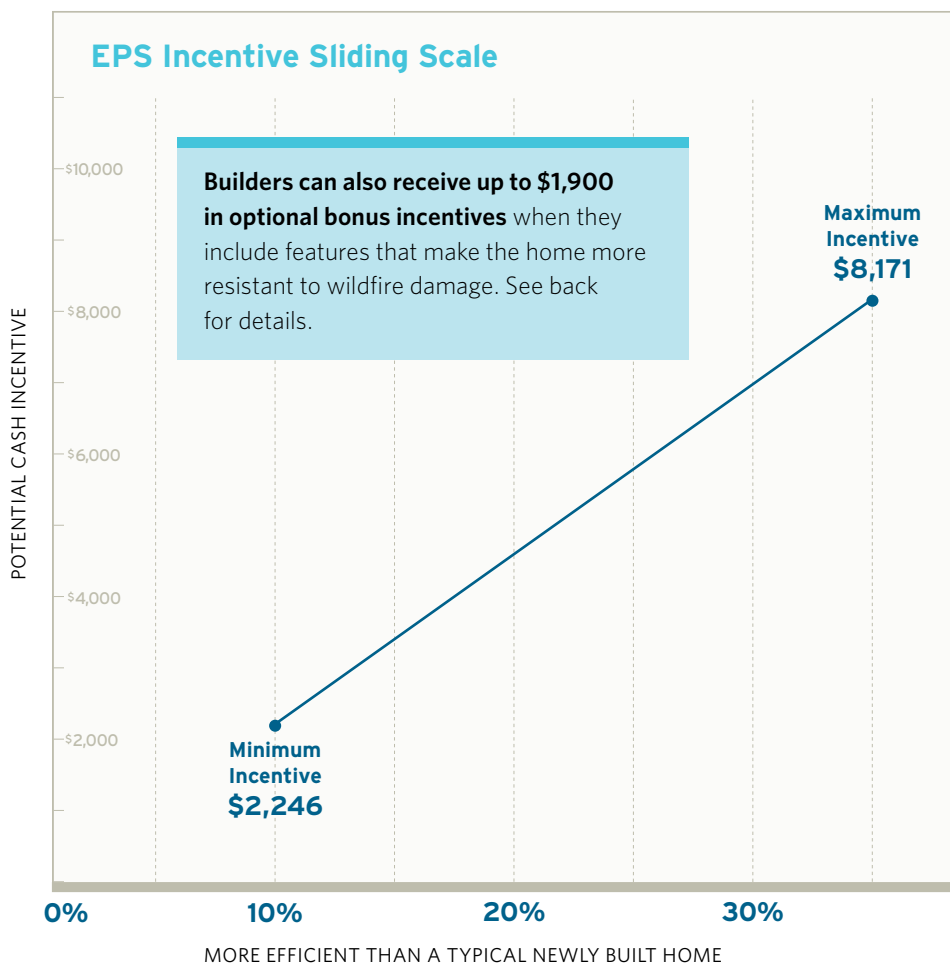
The builder selects a program verifier prior to construction. The verifier will use energy modeling software to determine the incentive amount. By working with a verifier to include additional energy-efficient features and renewables, the builder can improve the home's EPS and earn more incentives.

STEP 3: CONSTRUCT THE HOME

The verifier will inspect the home after insulation is installed and before drywall is completed, and will perform diagnostic tests to evaluate energy performance.

STEP 4: RECEIVE INCENTIVE

Once the home is complete, the verifier will return for a final visit to ensure it meets EPS requirements. The verifier will then update the energy model with inspection findings, confirm the incentives and issue the final EPS sheet.



"More efficient than a typical newly built home" in the graph is based on the 2021 Oregon Residential Specialty Code. Example incentives above are calculated by computer modeling of a 2,200 sq. ft. house plan in full Energy Trust service territory. Incentives are determined by improvements in a home's annual energy use compared to a typical newly built home, as demonstrated by energy modeling. Incentives are subject to funding availability and may change.



OPTIONAL BONUSES FOR WILDFIRE RESILIENCE

Builders are eligible for bonus incentives when they incorporate energy-saving features that also help to make their homes more resilient to wildfires. Optional bonus incentives are available for the following features:



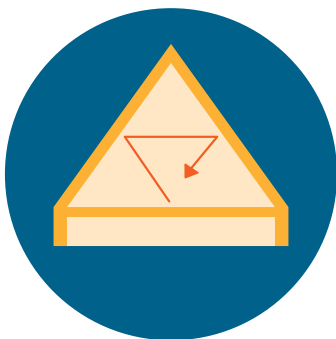
TRIPLE PANE WINDOWS: \$750 PER HOME

Average U factor of all windows must be 0.22 or below. To meet this average, a majority of windows in the home will need to be triple pane. The third pane adds another layer between the interior of your home and a wildfire outside, offering greater resiliency, especially if the glass is tempered.



EXTERIOR RIGID INSULATION: \$750 PER HOME

To qualify for this bonus, the home must include ignition-resistant continuous exterior rigid insulation (e.g., rockwool, poly iso) on all wall surfaces. Exterior rigid insulation is highly flame resistant and offers considerable energy savings.



UNVENTED ATTIC: \$400 PER HOME

An unvented attic moves the thermal boundary to the roofline and does not have any vent openings. Vent openings are a risk during wildfires because they allow embers to enter the home. Unvented attics also save energy because any ductwork located in the attic will be within the thermal boundary.



To get started, contact our trade ally coordinator at **1.877.283.0698** or email eps@energytrust.org.