How does Homestar work?
A Homestar home is assessed against health, efficiency and sustainability criteria. That assessment is then audited by the independent not for profit New Zealand Green Building Council, so you can trust the rating.

A home is rated on a scale from 6-10.
A 6 Homestar rating or higher provides assurance that a house will be better quality – warmer, drier, healthier and cost less to run – than a typical new house built to Building Code.

A 10 Homestar rating means you’ve built a world-leading house.

There are two stages at which you’ll see Homestar used:
- Design – a rating based on the final plans.
- Built – a rating based on the finished home.

Thinking of building?
A Homestar home focuses on smart design and common sense
You’ll notice better warmth, dryness, health and water efficiency in a Homestar rated home because it has:

- better levels of insulation than Building Code requires – so it’s cheaper to heat and cool
- built-in ventilation to combat mould and moisture
- water-efficiency measures to save you money on household bills.

A healthy home is warm, comfortable, cost efficient to run and good for the environment too.

Where to start...
A Homestar professional can offer expert advice and provide independent assurance about your home’s warmth, comfort and efficiency. The earlier you start using Homestar, the easier and more cost effective the process will be.

Contact a Homestar professional or learn more at nzgbc.org.nz/homestar

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What puts a Homestar home ahead of the rest?


An independent Homestar rating proves a house has been well designed and built, and has better thermal performance than most Kiwi homes.

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A warmer, drier, healthier home.

A high rating Homestar home has a well-insulated thermal envelope, so your home will be warm in winter and cool in summer.

Smart design means it will be responsive to the site and meet your needs as occupants of your home.

A new home built to the Building Code would fall well below a 6 Homestar rated home.

The rest is your choice.

Once the basics are done well, there are many different ways to improve a home’s sustainability. This diagram is a guide. For full details, visit nzgbc.org.nz/homestar