

# GreenHome



## INTRODUCTION

### Promoting Energy Efficient Home Construction

The *Yukon Housing Corporation's* (YHC) *GreenHome* Certification Program provides homeowners, builders and future owners many benefits. Certified *GreenHomes* have lower energy costs than traditionally constructed homes. Promoting *GreenHome* construction also benefits the environment as these homes produce less green house gas emissions. *GreenHomes* offer a healthy living environment free of drafts and a verified performance of the ventilation system. *GreenHomes* also benefit the Yukon housing industry by promoting the use of Yukon products and services.

Additional benefits associated with *GreenHome* Certification is that the certification remains with the home, and any *GreenHome* owner can apply for a YHC Green Mortgage. The Green Mortgage is a residential mortgage with a preferred interest rate for the financing of a *GreenHome*. A very important feature appreciated by *Green Mortgage* clients is that there is no mortgage insurance fee, which usually cost up to 4.25% of a standard mortgage. Your *GreenHome* will be more attractive to prospective purchasers and thereby enhance the marketability of your home should you decide to sell.

In addition to typical building requirements, YHC *GreenHomes* must meet the following requirements for eligibility:

- **An *EnerGuide* for Houses energy rating of 80 or better.** This rating is achieved through design considerations while working with an *Energy Advisor*, with final testing and approval from the *Energy Advisor*. \*
- **The house builder is to be a Yukon Business or a Yukon Resident.** This requirement promotes the Yukon building industry.
- **A minimum of 75% of the total building materials is to be purchased through a Yukon Business.** This requirement promotes Yukon businesses.
- **Yukon Housing Corporation's "*Health and Safety Minimums*" are to be met.** These minimums are to ensure that older homes being upgraded will meet a basic safety standard.
- **The building envelope must pass an air leakage test.**
- **The ventilation system is to be approved by a GreenHome ventilation advisor, or Professional Engineer.** Ventilation performance is to be tested and verified as meeting the GreenHome requirements.

\* **Note:** Multi-Residential building energy target is EnerGuide 80 or meeting prescriptive design minimums. See Multi-Residential Energy/Ventilation Requirements for details.

To find out more about the *GreenHome* and Green Mortgage please contact Yukon Housing Corporation and ask for the *GreenHome* Program Officer at 667-5759 or toll free at 1-800-661-0408 extension 5759.