

Introducing the RESNET Energy Smart Program

Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) is a recognized national standards-making body for building energy efficiency rating and certification systems in the United States. RESNET's industry-leading standards are recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. mortgage industry. Every Darling home is certified under the RESNET Energy Smart Program.

HERS Index

RESNET established the Home Energy Rating System (HERS), a nationally ranked index to measure a home's energy efficiency.

Homes built to the specifications of the HERS Reference Home (based on the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code) scores a HERS Index of approximately 100, while an older home typically scores a HERS Index of 130. A low HERS score equates to significant energy cost savings compared to older homes. The average score for a new Darling home typically ranges between 60 - 70.

In addition to the RESNET Energy Smart program, here are additional methods Darling Homes builds into your home to reduce environmental impact and energy consumption while delivering a quality, comfortable living environment.

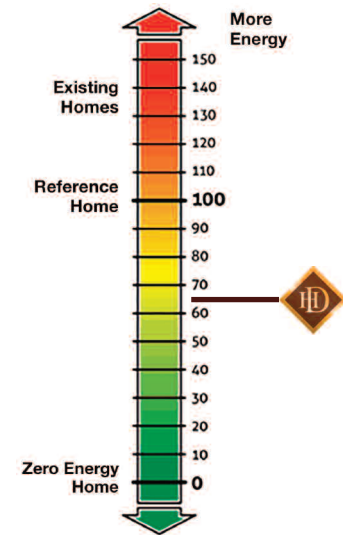
Energy and Resource Efficiency

- Low-E double paned windows reduce outdoor noise and help control the outside temperature inside your home
- Engineered foundation and frame to optimize material usage
- 16 SEER performance HVAC system designed to fit your particular home
- Programmable thermostat included to control the temperature in your home more efficiently and the comfort of your home
- Energy-efficient gas cooking appliances and gas water heater
- LED lighting reduces energy costs

Enhanced Water Conservation

- Water-conserving shower heads, faucets and ENERGY STAR® dishwasher
- Drought tolerant landscaping and indigenous plants to enhance longevity and reduce maintenance
- Installed irrigation system is zoned and equipped with rain sensor shut-off

With these building methods and environmentally-friendly products, Darling Homes offers the ideal balance of superior craftsmanship and luxurious livability.



BUILDING
DREAMS
WITH
PRIDE

THE
Art OF
CONSTRUCTION



Discover the Darling Difference

Since 1987, Darling Homes has focused on providing a personalized living experience through our commitment to building high quality homes and adopting innovative building methods. We take The Art of Construction seriously and you'll notice the Darling Difference from the moment you step inside a Darling home.

THIRD PARTY TESTING AND CERTIFIED HOMES

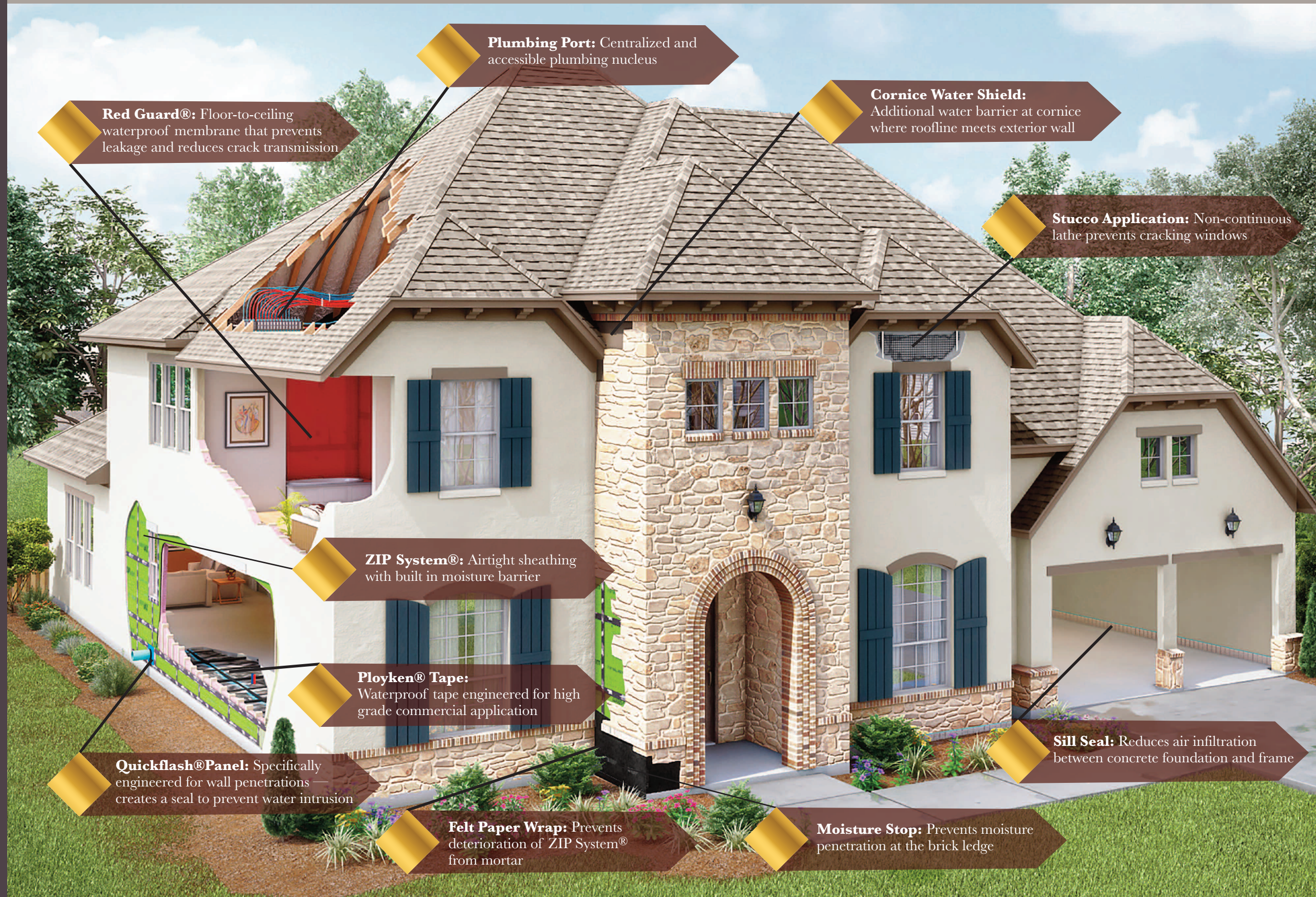
- 100% of Darling homes are inspected by a certified 3rd party for verification of all program requirements.
- Homes are certified under the RESNET Energy Smart Program.

DURABILITY AND MOISTURE MANAGEMENT

- Tightly sealed to protect and minimize maintenance of your home from extreme weather conditions and humidity
- Thermal Envelope – 35 areas are inspected before the home is sheetrocked to ensure there are no “leaks”
- Insulation and air sealant properly installed to prevent air leakage for a more efficient air conditioning system
- Covered exterior doors reduce exposure to sun, rain and other elements
- Duct systems designed per Air Conditioning Contractors of America and tested for leakage on every home
- Proper flashing installed at all areas of the home
- Radiant barrier roof decking reduces heat absorption and improves HVAC efficiency
- Electrical conduit prevents pinching in the electrical conduit line
- Drywall corners reduce settlement cracks
- California corners allow insulation at interior corners

IMPROVED AIR QUALITY

- Proper ventilation optimizes clean indoor air for you to breathe and reduces moisture and humidity in your home
- Increase your comfort with even temperatures and air flow
- Return air in all bedrooms aid in balanced room pressure, temperature control, and air exchange
- Kitchen and bath ventilation are run to the outside



Red Guard®: Floor-to-ceiling waterproof membrane that prevents leakage and reduces crack transmission

Plumbing Port: Centralized and accessible plumbing nucleus

Cornice Water Shield: Additional water barrier at cornice where roofline meets exterior wall

Stucco Application: Non-continuous lathe prevents cracking windows

ZIP System®: Airtight sheathing with built in moisture barrier

Ployken® Tape: Waterproof tape engineered for high grade commercial application

Quickflash® Panel: Specifically engineered for wall penetrations — creates a seal to prevent water intrusion

Felt Paper Wrap: Prevents deterioration of ZIP System® from mortar

Moisture Stop: Prevents moisture penetration at the brick ledge

Sill Seal: Reduces air infiltration between concrete foundation and frame