

WARMTH, HEALTH & EFFICIENCY



Rate the environmental performance of your home

How well do you know your home? To check how your existing home stacks up in the warmth, health, and efficiency stakes Homestar™ provides independent advice and guidance on energy and performance improvements to the home, as well as professional design and construction services for residential new builds.

Developed by the New Zealand Green Building Council and backed by Government, the rating system aims to improve the standard of Kiwi homes by providing a comparison against a benchmark, so home owners can ensure their homes become warmer, healthier and energy efficient thus reducing their environmental impact.

Homestar™ has been developed to take into consideration the environmental building standards required regionally, by New Zealand's unique climatic conditions. It allows for both self-assessments by the homeowner, using an online home evaluation report and



specialist independent assessment by industry professionals that results in the issue of a formal Homestar™ certified rating. Homestar™ rating will become more important in adding resale value to your home as it becomes recognised as a proven sustainability audit for your home.

STEP 1: Become a myHomestar member

Until 31 December 2013 myHomestar subscription is only \$10 for Home Prize customers, a discount of 33 percent, so sign up quick to save!

Members can take an online test to rate their home's health and performance. It takes just 20 minutes to complete the test and requires only a few simple measurements around the home. Sign up to myHomestar at homestar.org.nz and use the voucher code **MYHOMEHP10Z** and pay just \$10 for one year's annual subscription.

myHomestar subscribers are also eligible for special discounts from Homestar™ product partners such as Resene, Pink Batts, Cavalier Bremworth, GIB, Parex, Bosch, Showerdome, Earthwool and Placemakers, meaning big savings over the course of a build or renovation.

STEP 2: Plan for improvement

Once you have become a myHomestar member, and have completed the Homestar™ test, a list of actions and Partner discounts can be printed. There are lots of tips which can provide immediate and real benefits to the home in terms of health and quality of living, as well as potential reduction in running costs.

STEP 3: Take Action

When you have completed your renovation you may wish to get an independently audited certification of your energy and performance improvements to your home with a Homestar™ certified assessment. You'll be given a Homestar™ certificate which you can be used to help promote or sell your home.

Find out how you can improve your home at homestar.org.nz ■

Big project or small... Create a better, healthier home with Homestar

Whether you're building, renovating or just tidying up a bit - you can make your home warmer, healthier and smarter with Homestar.

At Homestar.org.nz there's loads of free, independent advice to help you choose the right design and materials.

Why not start by testing your plans with the online Home Check and join

myHomestar to become eligible to offers from Homestar Partners and enjoy savings and recommendations to make your renovation journey easier.

Join the 15,000 Kiwis who have already made their homes healthier and more valuable with Homestar.

Get started at

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