

the support and education necessary to improve code compliance and the Maryland built environment.

INSIDE THE ENERGY CODE

Keeping You Informed!



Maryland's energy code, the 2015 IECC, requires newly constructed homes to pass an air leakage or blower door test with a limit of ≤ 3 ACH@50Pascals. A failed test can be costly to fix, so it's important to make sure you pay attention to all the air sealing details during the construction process before insulation and drywall. Areas that often get overlooked are the rim joists and sill plates at the foundation. These areas can be major sources of air leakage if not properly air sealed and can result in high infiltration rates and failed tests.

As part of our effort to support all stakeholders in improving compliance with the energy code to help Maryland meet its energy goals, Newport has developed several fact sheets related a number of key items that can have significant impacts on compliance with the energy code. The most recent one relates to air sealing at the rim and band joist. [Check out the fact sheet here!](#)

Also, visit our [website](#) for additional resources and more information on our energy code support services for Maryland!



Newport Partners provides FREE training and education services to Maryland's energy code stakeholder groups. Our services include:

- ***Traditional classroom style courses on the 2015 IECC requirements and best practices.***
- ***On-site field training and best practices for specific code requirements.***
- ***Energy Code Coach Hotline service to answer all your code questions!***

Interested in hosting a training for your group? Contact us today to schedule a training near you!

Have a question about the Energy Code? Call the MD Energy Code Coach!

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