

NWMLS Environmental Additions to Listing Input Sheet

New Heading for Residential, Farm and Ranch, Condominium

Added Field Description titled “Environmental Cert” with checkboxes for the following certification programs:

- Built Green™
- ENERGY STAR®
- LEED®
- Third Party Verification
- Other – See Remarks

New Checkboxes Under Existing Headings

Added the following checkboxes:

- Drought-resistant Landscaping (under Lot Details)
- Solar (under a new Energy Source field description)
- Bamboo/Cork (under Floor Covering)
- Other Renewable (under Floor Covering)

New Attach External Document Option

Listing agents will now have an option to attach the 3rd Party Verification forms for green homes alongside other contract addenda such as Seller Disclosure and Legal Description.

Agents may require buyers and sellers to initial this documentation as part of the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

The following Document Type is now available as an upload option for agents:

- Environmental Cert-3rd Party Verification

Overview – Environmental Certification Programs

About Built Green™

BUILT GREEN Washington is a cooperative of Washington’s regional green home building programs. Most BUILT GREEN programs in Washington use a checklist that offers builders a menu of green building strategies with point values attributed to them. Programs award a BUILT GREEN rating (one to five Stars) to a home based on the number of points the builder achieves. Built Green homes are designed to provide homeowners with comfortable, durable, environmentally friendly homes that are cost-effective to own and operate. These resource-efficient homes are crafted to exceed building codes and provide homeowners with years of healthy, quality living, while protecting the precious Northwest environment.

www.builtgreen.net/www.builtgreenwashington.org

About ENERGY STAR®

Energy Star is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy designed to save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices. Introduced by EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency, the Energy Star label can be found on more than 50 different kinds of products as well as new homes. Products that have earned the Energy Star designation prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy-efficiency specifications set by the government. In 2006 alone, Americans, with the help of Energy Star, saved about \$14 billion on

their energy bills while reducing the greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those of 25 million vehicles.

www.energystar.gov

About LEED®

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings. LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality.

LEED for Homes is a voluntary rating system that promotes the design and construction of high performance “green” homes. A green home uses less energy, water, and natural resources; creates less waste; and is healthier and more comfortable for the occupants. Benefits of a LEED home include lower energy and water bills; reduced greenhouse gas emissions; and less exposure to mold, mildew and other indoor toxins. The net cost of owning a LEED home is comparable to that of owning a conventional home. www.usgbc.org/LEED

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