

ENERGY DESIGNED HOMESSM

HOME ENERGY RATER ~ CODE OF ETHICS

Honesty, justice and courtesy form a moral philosophy which, associated with mutual interest among people, constitutes the foundation of ethics. The Rater should recognize such a standard, not in passive observance, but as a set of dynamic principles guiding their conduct. It is their duty to practice the profession according to this code of ethics.

As the keystone of professional conduct is integrity, Raters will discharge their duties with fidelity to the public, their customers and with fairness and impartiality to all. They should uphold the honor and dignity of the profession and avoid association with any enterprise of questionable character or apparent conflict of interest.

1. The Rater will make statements only when they are based on facts supported by the rating or by research done by an industry recognized professional source. The Rater will not recommend fuel switching. If asked by the customer to calculate 'what if' scenarios with different fuel types, however, the Rater shall comply with the customer's request.
2. The Rater will always act in good faith toward each customer. The Rater will not perform improvement work on a home that the Rater rates, nor shall the Rater rate a home on which the Rater has done the improvement work without FIRST providing the NOTICE of DISCLOSURE FORM to the customer.
3. The Rater will not disclose any information concerning the results of the rating without the written approval of the customers or their representatives.
4. The Rater will not accept compensation, financial or otherwise, from more than one interested party for the same service without the consent of all interested parties.
5. The Rater will not accept nor offer commissions or allowances directly from or to other parties dealing with their customer in connection with work for which the Rater is responsible.
6. The Rater will promptly disclose to his customer any interest in a business, which may affect the customer. The Rater will not allow an interest in any business to affect the quality or results of the rating, which they may be called upon to perform. The rating may not be used by the Rater to deliberately obtain additional work in another field.
7. A Rater shall make every effort to uphold, maintain and improve the professional integrity, reputation and practice of the ENERGY DESIGNED HOMESSM rating program and its other certified Raters. The Rater will report all such relevant information, including violations of this Code by other members, to ENERGY DESIGNED HOMESSM for possible remedial action.

Modeled on the Code of Ethics of the American Society of Home Inspectors, 1993