

New York ENERGY STAR® Labeled Homes Program

Saratoga County



After years of paying high utility bills in their previous home, energy efficiency became a top priority as Monica and John Niedbalec shopped for their new dream home. They also wanted a home that would be comfortable and safe for them, their daughter Victoria, nephew Mike and their pets.

In January 2005, the Niedbalects bought a 3,163-square-foot Center Hall Colonial in Mechanicville from Belmonte Builders. In addition to the cathedral ceilings, gas fireplace and quality construction, the Niedbalects especially enjoy living in a New York ENERGY STAR Labeled Home because it uses approximately 30 percent less energy than a conventionally built new home.

Through improved insulation and air sealing techniques, high quality windows and doors, high efficiency heating and cooling systems, well-sealed duct systems, and ENERGY STAR qualified lighting and appliances, the Niedbalects enjoy the benefits of lower heating bills and increased comfort.

Take advantage of the New York ENERGY STAR Labeled Homes program today. No matter what style, size or price of house you want to build, it can be built to meet the New York ENERGY STAR standards.

Visit www.GetEnergySmart.org for more information or call toll-free **1-877-NY-Smart**. You can request a complete package of information, including a list of participating builders in your area.

"We love our home and we would build another New York ENERGY STAR Labeled Home in a heartbeat. Our previous house was older and smaller yet our utility bills were higher."

Monica Niedbalec



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New York Energy SmartSM programs are designed to lower electricity costs by encouraging energy efficiency as the State's electric utilities move to competition. The programs are available to electric distribution customers (residential, commercial, institutional and industrial) who pay into the SBC.