Our sustainability journey celebrates 15 years

KB Home has a proud history of being a leader in sustainability in the homebuilding industry and beyond. For 15 years, we have been building energy- and water-efficient homes and applying innovation toward a more sustainable future. While not all of our efforts have been successful, what remains constant is our drive to build on our experience and continue to bring fresh thinking to the design of the American home. Below is a brief chronology of our various relevant achievements.

Pre-2007

Built ENERGY STAR certified homes in many areas

Built Water Smart homes in Las Vegas

Offered solar photovoltaic options in California

2007

Committed to 100% ENERGY STAR certified appliances

50,000th ENERGY STAR certified home

2008

Published first annual sustainability report

Committed to building 100% ENERGY STAR certified homes

Ranked #1 Green Builder by Calvert (also #1 in 2010)

2009

First ENERGY STAR Award for Excellence (also won in 2010)

Launched National Advisory Board

GROW company-wide waste analysis

Introduced first Build It Green® GreenPoint Rated™ Community

2010

First WaterSense® labeled homes

First U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) LEED Platinum net-zero energy concept home

Built solar and energy storage demonstration home

2011

Offered first standard solar photovoltaic systems

Introduced the EPG® (Energy Performance Guide®)

Launched KB Home ZeroHouse 2.0 in six states

First 100% LEED Platinum community

First Department of Energy (DOE) Builders Challenge Award (also won in 2012)

USGBC LEED for Homes Award

First ENERGY STAR Sustained Excellence Award (also won, 2012–2020)

First WaterSense Partner of the Year Award (also won, 2012–2014)

2012

1,000th solar-powered home

Offered ZeroHouse 2.0 option in most markets

2013

Sponsored DOE Solar Decathlon

First DOE Zero Energy Ready Home, Housing Innovation Award (also won in 2014)

2014

First RESNET® President's Award (also won in 2015, 2016)

Received first ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year – Climate Communicator Award (also won in 2015 and 2016)

Introduced Double ZeroHouse 2.0 and 3.0

Declared 5-year goal of 55 national HERS score

Introduced two USGBC LEED Platinum communities in Los Angeles

2015

Environmental Leader Product of the Year Award

DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Housing Innovation Grand Award

Indoor airPLUS Leader Award

First WaterSense Sustained Excellence Award (also won, 2016–2020)

10,000th Water Smart home

2016

5,000th solar-powered home

100,000th ENERGY STAR certified home

First KB ProjeKt® concept home

Introduced HomeKit® option package with Apple®

2017

Achieved national record for most WaterSense labeled and Water Smart homes

Opened first Indoor airPLUS community in San Diego

TecHome Brilliance Award (also won in 2019)

Environmental Leader Top Project of the Year Award

2018

Declared 5-year goal of 50 national HERS score

7,000th solar-powered home

Launched KB Smart Home System partnership with Google

Field-tested RESNET HERSH_2O water-efficiency rating system

2019

Debuted KB ProjeKt 2.0: Where Tomorrow Lives

Reached national milestone of building the most ENERGY STAR certified homes

10,000th solar-powered home

Opened first Indoor airPLUS community in Irvine

Environmental Leader Top Product of the Year Award

2020

Achieved 50 average HERS score (three years ahead of target)

Declared 5-year goal of 45 national average HERS score

Delivered our 11,000th solar-powered home

The only national builder named to Newsweek's 2021 list of America's Most Responsible Companies

Named to Forbes' 2021 list of America's Best Midsize Employers, the only national builder to receive this distinction

First national builder to implement EPA WaterSense Labeled Homes Version 2.0

First national builder to participate in American Made Solar Prize Connector Network

First national builder to collaborate with Well Living Lab

2021

Achieved 49 average HERS score on the path towards our 5-year goal of 45 national average HERS score by 2025

Built 160,000th ENERGY STAR certified home, more than any other builder

Delivered our 14,000th solar-powered homes

The only national builder named to Newsweek's list of America's Most Responsible Companies for two years in a row (2021 and 2022)

Named to Forbes' list of America's Best Midsize Employers, the only national builder to receive this distinction for two years in a row (2021 and 2022)

First national builder to earn RESNET's HERS H_2O award for achieving lowest HERS H_2O score of 47 at a KB home built in Las Vegas in 2021

11th consecutive ENERGY STAR Sustained Excellence Award

Seventh consecutive WaterSense Sustained Excellence Award