



Residential Renovation Energy Improvement Standards

When selling properties to be renovated for operation as residential rentals the Land Bank requires purchasers include the following work in their renovation plans. These measures are meant to retrofit existing residences for increased energy efficiency, reducing monthly utility costs and enhancing housing affordability.

- All work will comply with Chapter 11 (Energy Efficiency) of the [New York State Residential Building and Fire Prevention Code](#).
- Air sealing must be completed and be continuous at the band joists, sill plate, and top plate of a house.
- When replacing windows air sealing measures must comply with code. It is the responsibility of the contractor to schedule an inspection by the Land Bank after the measure has been taken and before it has been concealed from view.
- All work addressing exterior walls must include insulating methods that comply with code. It is the responsibility of the contractor to schedule an inspection by the Land Bank after the measure has been taken and before it has been concealed from view.
- All new appliances must meet current Energy Star standards.

The above measures and the entire scope of renovations proposed in your purchase application will be inspected by the Land Bank's Property Renovation and Maintenance Manager and approved prior to discharge of the "enforcement mortgage."

Questions? Contact Andrew Erickson at aerickson@syracuselandbank.org or (315) 422-2301.

Grant funds and other financial incentives for energy upgrades are available from a variety of sources. Some of these include:

The Department of Energy: <http://www.energy.gov/>

NYSERDA: <http://www.nyserda.ny.gov/>

City of Syracuse LEAD Program: <http://www.syracuseleadprogram.com/>