

## Top Ten Reasons for Building Energy Codes

Today's energy, economic, and environmental challenges—combined with the fact that buildings consume nearly 40% of the nation's energy—make energy codes a central part of a sustainable future.

Here are ten key reasons to adopt them.



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**10. PROVIDE** a common foundation for evaluating, regulating, and incentivizing building design, construction, technologies, and performance.



**9. SUPPORT** energy conservation and efficiency actions beyond minimum code levels.



**8. HELP** drive the development and deployment of new building technologies and design strategies.



**7. PROVIDE** a cost-effective step toward mitigating problems associated with growing demand for energy and power resources.



**6. INCREASE** the use of energy efficient technologies proven through incentive programs, freeing up resources to focus on new, more efficient additional technologies.



**1. ENERGY CODES** not only save money, but also help to reduce needless consumption of energy to heat, cool, light, ventilate and provide hot water for newly built residential and commercial buildings constructed without adequate energy efficiency features.



**5. PROVIDE** a common basis upon which to educate the building design and construction community in energy efficiency.



**4. SAFEGUARD** owners and tenants from long-term financial burdens that can result from short-term design and construction decisions.



**3. CONTINUE** to progress in terms of stringency, scope, and enforcement emphasis—all of which provide new jobs or opportunities to enhance the skills of the current workforce.



**2. HELP** protect the natural environment from unnecessary emissions.



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