

Homecrete Homes Adopts FGBC Certification

In a community development known as Westcliffe Estates at Tradition that was started by an HGTV Green Home project in 2009, Homecrete Homes will be building green certified courtyard homes.

All homes will be certified by the Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC) under the 'Florida Green' Home Certification Standard. Criteria in the standard incorporate building methods and products superior to traditional code-built homes, and provide energy efficiency, water conservation (both indoors and in landscaping), reduced maintenance requirements, and protection from natural disasters such as hurricanes, termites and wildfires. Homecrete Homes builds all of its structures using some key product features that contribute significantly to the green effort including:



"Our courtyard-styled home design and building method will be the ultimate complement to the home specifications of the HGTV Green Home at Westcliffe Estates," says Bob Cenk, Vice President of Homecrete Homes.

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- Insulated Concrete Form Walls that use polystyrene (EPS) foam with reinforced concrete.
- Tinted Low-E Impact Windows (no exterior storm shutters required.)
- Spray foam under the roof deck. This also allows for the attic to become a conditioned space reducing hot air infiltration from the attic into living spaces, reducing utility costs. When combined with ICF walls and the window package, it produces a highly energy-efficient building envelope.
- High SEER rated mechanical equipment.

"We are excited to welcome Homecrete Homes into the Tradition community. Their unique energy-efficient building methods will add another dimension to the home choices available within Tradition and further Tradition's commitment to sustainable development," says Wesley McCurry of Fishkind & Associates, development managers for Tradition, Fla.