

Northwest Multiple Listing Service: Environmental Additions to Listing Input Sheet

Overview

As of June 13, 2007 home buyers who are looking for green features in their future home have a new resource for identifying such properties in Washington state. Northwest Multiple Listing Service, the largest full-service MLS in the Northwest, is enhancing its listing forms and database so properties with certain environmental certifications, energy efficient features and sustainable materials may be readily identified.

Effective immediately, listing agents can use checkboxes for highlighting a home's green and resource-efficient features. Among the new fields are designations for homes that meet third-party certifications for Built Green™, Northwest ENERGY STAR Homes and LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards.

Additionally, NWMLS created checkboxes for identifying various energy-efficient heating and cooling systems (with "solar" being a new field), and for renewable floor coverings such as bamboo, cork or other sustainable materials. In details about a property's lot, the listing agent may now check a box denoting:

Additions to NWMLS System

+ **New Headings for Residential, Farm and Ranch, Condominium**

Field Description titled "Environmental Cert" (Environmental Certification is too long for the system) with checkboxes for the following certification programs:

- Built Green™
- ENERGY STAR®
- LEED®
- Third Party Verification (see Attach External Document option below)
- Other – See Remarks



New Checkboxes Under Existing Headings

- Drought-resistant Landscaping (under Lot Details)
- Solar (under a new Energy Source field description)
- Bamboo/Cork (under Floor Covering)
- Other Renewable (under Floor Covering)



New Attach External Documents Option

- Listing agents will now have an option to attach the 3rd Party Verification forms for green home certification programs alongside other contract addenda such as Seller Disclosure and Legal Description.
- Agents may require buyers and sellers to initial this documentation as part of the Purchase and Sale Agreement.
- The following Document Type is now available as an upload option for agents: Environmental Cert-3rd Party Verification

