



EARN GREEN CREDITS WITH



**EMPIRE
TURF™**

The Proven Zoysia Grass™

WHAT IS A GREEN CREDIT?

A green credit is a unit of measure used by the Florida Green Building Coalition (www.floridagreenbuilding.org) to evaluate and certify a new or existing home as "green."

WHAT IS A GREEN-CERTIFIED HOME?

A green-certified home has earned at least 100 green credit points; has obtained the minimum points required for eight categories (energy, water, lot choice, site, health, materials, disaster mitigation, and general); and has complied with two prerequisites concerning 1) swimming pools/ spas and 2) waterfront considerations.

HOW DOES A HOME BECOME GREEN-CERTIFIED?

An FGBC green home certifying agent must evaluate the home and submit a completed checklist along with documentation for certification. For landscapes, a house must also be certified by a Florida Yards and Neighborhoods (FY&N) Professional.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A GREEN-CERTIFIED HOME?

A green-certified home uses less energy, water and natural resources; creates less waste; and is healthier and more comfortable for the occupants. The benefits of a green certified home include lower energy and water bills; reduced greenhouse gas emissions; and less exposure to mold, mildew and other indoor toxins.

BENEFITS OF GREEN CERTIFIED HOMES

Benefits to the home buyer	Benefits to the home builder	Benefits to the community
Enhances the profitability of resale.	Gain valuable promotion and advertising.	Conservation of water resources.
Enhances the affordability of operation.	Differentiate your home from the competition.	Management of waste and stormwater.
Enhances the indoor air quality of the home.	Homebuyers link green home features with quality.	Provide/maintain affordable housing.
Increases the durability of the home.	Increase customer referrals.	Maintain affordable and reliable energy sources.
Provides for greater access to mortgage money.	Add to the marketing value of your homes.	
	Reduce builder callbacks.	

HOW MANY POINTS CAN A HOUSE EARN BY BEING LANDSCAPED WITH EMPIRE TURF?

A house can earn two points (*Category 2, Criteria W-16*) by landscaping with EMPIRE Turf.

An additional 7 points can be earned by:

- Planting EMPIRE Turf and all other vegetation at least 2 ft. from the foundation of the house (1 point; *Category 7, Criteria DM-12*)
- Testing the soil and amending it, if necessary (2 points: *Category 4; Criteria W-24*)
- Installing EMPIRE Turf in an evenly-shaped area that is easier to water and maintain (such as a circle, oval, or large rectangular areas rather than in long thin strips); do not plant EMPIRE on berms (2 points: *Category 2, Criteria W-16*)
- Receiving on-site training on how to properly maintain an EMPIRE Turf lawn (2 points: *Category 8; Criteria G-12*)

