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Utah's New Energy Code: Simple Compliance, Smarter Building & Fewer "Friendly Debates" With the Inspector

Utah's new residential energy code went into effect July 1, and it is not complicated. This practical, contractor-focused class breaks down the changes that actually matter in the field, including insulation and air sealing, compliance paths, blower-door and duct-leakage testing, mechanical ventilation, and plan review requirements.

More importantly, we'll cut through the noise, focus on what matters, and look at practical building solutions that deliver the best return without unnecessarily adding cost or complexity. You'll walk away knowing what to expect before inspection day and how to put the new requirements into practice. The goal is simple: build smarter, pass inspections, control costs—and maybe have fewer "friendly debates" with the inspector.



Ken Adams brings more than 35 years of experience in the construction industry. While earning his degree in Construction Management from Utah Valley University, he worked for Mountain Fuel—now Enbridge Gas, formerly Questar Gas.

In 2001, Ken relocated to South Carolina, where he worked in land development and production for both single-family and multifamily residential communities. In 2006, Paul Magleby recruited him to return to Utah as a Division Manager for Magleby Construction. Ken completed his MBA at the University of Utah in 2011 and remained with Magleby Construction until 2013.

Since then, Ken has taught in Utah Valley University's Construction Technologies Department and has instructed contractor pre-licensing and continuing-education courses. He is actively involved in the Home Builders Association, serving on the Utah Valley HBA Government Affairs Committee since 2020 and the Utah HBA Code Committee since 2018. Since 2022, he has also served on the State of Utah's Uniform Building Code Commission.