

Efficiency Excellence Network

Partner of the Year Award

Sisler Builders Inc. Stowe, Vermont

Steve Sisler began his company in 1983 after earning his degree in industrial economics from Union College in Schenectady, New York. For the past 40 years, he and his crews and teams of subcontractors have been building high quality custom homes and remodels in the north-central Vermont ski country, where there is a vigorous market for second homes. Sisler employs 30 people, including his son, Luke, who is a partner in the business and is dedicated to continuing the good work.



Sisler Builders is a big proponent of investing in energy efficiency at the point of construction. The company is dedicated to meeting and, when feasible, exceeding the Residential Building Energy Standards. "The more you spend up front on good design, quality materials and workmanship, and a tight envelope, then the operational savings are enormous," Steve Sisler said in a 2024 interview.

This philosophy is shared by the company's expert builders. "In the past 10 years we have not had an ACH50 blower door test rating over one air change per hour, and often less for our new homes. The national standard is three," explained Sisler. "We achieve our results by testing the building envelope three times during construction. First, when all the mechanicals are in but before the interior paneling, so we can more easily fix any issues that show up. Second, after the drywall, appliances, and fireplaces are in. Third, at the finish, so we can give our customers the certificate and bragging rights to their friends."

Sisler Builders has been an EEN member since 2015. They are a strong partner to Efficiency Vermont through its weatherization and custom home new construction work. The Sisler team is very engaged and they take great pride in their services and customer experience. Their collaboration with Efficiency Vermont has helped promote efficiency in both new construction and existing homes. Mike D'Muala, the Home Performance Division Manager, shared that "during retrofits in existing homes, we almost always reduce air leakage by 40-50%."

We are pleased to honor Sisler Builders and their decades of work servicing Vermont customers with the **Best of the Best 2025 – EEN Partner of the Year Award** for their demonstrated engagement with Efficiency Vermont programs, and commitment to the principles and concepts needed to advance energy efficiency practices.

