



# California **ELECTRIC HOMES**



## Program Pre-Requisites Photo Guide

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# California Electric Homes (CalEHP) Incentive Program

## PHOTO GUIDE FOR REQUIRED PRE-REQUISITES

- Each of items shown in this guide is a mandatory requirement for participation in the CalEHP incentive program and **must be installed as specified. No exceptions.**
- **Omission or improper installation** of any of the required items will result in the project being disqualified from the CalEHP incentive program.
- **Disqualified projects will forfeit all program incentives. No exceptions.**



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# Space Conditioning Requirements for HVAC Installers

An aerial photograph of a new residential development, featuring several two-story houses with brick and siding exteriors. The houses are arranged in a row, with some showing signs of construction, such as exposed insulation and scaffolding. The background is filled with dense trees, and the sky is overcast. The entire image is covered with a semi-transparent purple overlay, which serves as a background for the white text.

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# Communicating Thermostats

- **Thermostats must be programable and wi-fi enabled**, allowing remote temperature adjustment with a smartphone or other internet-connected device.
- **Thermostats must be Auto Demand Response (ADR) capable.**
- **Projects installing variable capacity heat pumps (VCHP) are exempt** from the communicating thermostat requirement.
- **Tenants are not required to enroll in an ADR program**, but the thermostat must be technically capable of ADR participation to qualify.