

## How to make sure your new home is built faster (369 words)

If you're in the market for a newly-built home, you probably have a long list of requirements your builder must meet. Everyone's list is different, but one common element is that your new home needs to be ready quickly, or at the very least, on time. Yet we've all heard the horror stories of construction delays and families having to move out of their old home before their new one is ready. Fortunately, there's a way you can help ensure your home is built faster — ask your builder to use insulated concrete forms.

“A huge step forward is to replace the traditional wood framing of your house with what we call ICFs, insulated concrete forms,” says Keven Rector at NUDURA, a leading name in this technology. “ICF construction assures the adherence to American building codes, it takes up less shipping space, requires less manpower at the site, and the assembly is faster than wood framing. Time-strapped builders and eager homeowners benefit equally from this efficiency.” The compact ICFs are delivered to the construction site where each form interlocks with the next to quickly assemble one strong monolithic wall.

ICFs also offer more advantages than getting you into your new home quicker — they maximize energy efficiency, reduce drafts and cold spots, form an effective barrier to unwanted outside noise, and make your home less prone to mold. In addition, homes built with insulated concrete wall systems are more environmentally friendly and disaster-resilient.

“Our advanced design combines two panels of thick (EPS) foam with the structural strength and thermal mass of concrete,” Rector explains. “The resulting envelope immediately gives your house hurricane wind-resistance up to 250 miles per hour. Concrete walls also deliver an energy efficiency rating as high as R-50 (compared to an average R20 in wood structures) saving you up to 70 per cent on utility bills. With the concrete option, countless trees remain untouched and with lowered energy consumption and less tapping of natural resources every day, imagine over the years how much of contribution your house will make to recapturing a sustainable environment.”

If you want your builder to use ICFs, be sure to discuss it early in the plans. Find more information online at [nudura.com](http://nudura.com).