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## KB Home Wins 2023 WaterSense Sustained Excellence Award, the Only National Homebuilder to Receive This Prestigious Honor

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Homebuilder recognized for a record 13th consecutive year, further demonstrating the company's leadership position in building to EPA's highest water-efficiency standards.

LOS ANGELES--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- KB Home (NYSE: KBH) today announced that its commitment to building highly water-efficient homes has again been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a record 13th consecutive year. KB Home is the first and only national homebuilder to receive the WaterSense® Sustained Excellence Award, the highest level of recognition given by EPA's WaterSense program.

"With extreme weather affecting water supplies and quality, saving this precious resource is more important than ever," said Veronica Blette, Chief, U.S. EPA WaterSense Branch. "KB Home continues to demonstrate its leadership in saving water, particularly in those areas critically impacted by drought. We commend the company's commitment to their customers and their efforts to further protect the environment."

WaterSense, a voluntary partnership program sponsored by EPA, is both a label for water-efficient products, programs and homes, and a resource for helping consumers learn ways to save water. Since the program started in 2006, over 40,000 certified water-efficient plumbing and irrigation products have helped consumers and businesses save 7.5 trillion gallons of water - enough water to supply all households in the United States with water for nine and a half months.

“KB Home is honored to be recognized by EPA for a record 13th consecutive year. We were the first national builder to participate in the WaterSense program, helping our homeowners lower the total cost of homeownership and save this precious natural resource for future generations,” said **Jeffrey Mezger**, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of KB Home. “Additionally, last year we expanded our industry-leading commitment to water conservation as we started building all new homes to the EPA’s highest water efficiency standards in some of the most drought-affected areas of the Southwest.”

KB Home continues to champion the important role EPA’s WaterSense program plays in helping to lower its buyers’ monthly utility costs and minimize their carbon footprint and energy usage. To date, KB Home has built over 20,000 WaterSense labeled and Water Smart homes — more than any other homebuilder — and installed over one million WaterSense labeled fixtures. The company estimates that its homes conserve approximately 1.7 billion gallons of water annually.

KB Home is the only national builder to have earned awards under all of EPA’s homebuilder programs, including WaterSense, ENERGY STAR, which establishes energy-efficiency standards, and Indoor airPLUS, which focuses on indoor air quality. The company’s sustainability leadership was recognized by Newsweek®, with the company being the only homebuilder to be named to the publication’s prestigious list of America’s Most Responsible Companies three years in a row. Additionally, KB Home was the first and only homebuilder named to Fortune’s 2023 Change the World list.

For more information on KB Home’s sustainability initiatives, visit [kbhome.com/sustainability](https://kbhome.com/sustainability).

For more information on WaterSense, visit [www.epa.gov/watersense](https://www.epa.gov/watersense).

## About KB Home

KB Home is one of the largest and most recognized homebuilders in the United States, operating in 47 markets from coast to coast, and building over 670,000 quality homes in our more than 65-year history. What sets KB Home apart is our focus on building strong, personal relationships with every customer — from those buying their first home to experienced buyers — so they have a real partner in the homebuying process. No two KB homes are the same. That’s because every home is uniquely built for each customer, at a price that fits their budget. As the leader in energy-efficient homebuilding, KB Home was the first national builder to make a broad commitment to building ENERGY STAR® certified homes, a standard that fewer than 10% of new homes nationwide meet, and KB Home has built more ENERGY STAR certified homes than any other builder. An energy-efficient KB home helps lower the cost of ownership and is designed to deliver greater comfort and well-being than new homes without certification. Reflecting the company’s commitment to creating an exceptional homebuying experience, KB Home is the #1

customer-ranked national homebuilder based on homebuyer satisfaction surveys from a leading third-party review site. Learn more about how we build homes built on relationships by visiting [kbhome.com](http://kbhome.com).

## About WaterSense

WaterSense, a partnership program sponsored by EPA, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by offering consumers and businesses simple ways to use less water with water-efficient products, homes and services.

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