



## **EPA WaterSense® Certifiable Home**

In 2009, the EPA WaterSense® announced the criteria for water-efficient new homes. New Jersey American Water introduced the New Jersey Water Savers program to a builder who was interested in following the guidelines in order to build a home to the specifications.

WaterSense is a voluntary, national program sponsored by the EPA with a goal to preserve water for future generations by helping to transform the market for water-efficient products and services. The WaterSense® label is a simple way for consumers to identify products that have been independently certified to meet EPA's criteria for efficiency and performance. For the past three years, EPA has been developing a specification for water-efficient single-family new homes to encourage the construction of houses that use at least 20 percent less water than a traditional new home. A new home must be built by a WaterSense® builder partner and meet all of the identified criteria to become a WaterSense® labeled new home.

In the fall of 2009, the New Jersey Water Savers program partnered with Doble Construction to create a WaterSense certifiable house which adheres to the EPA New Home Specifications. The house features all WaterSense® /or water efficient plumbing fixtures and appliances indoor, a smart irrigation system and a limited lawn area (only 40% turfgrass with the remainder 60% being low water using/ native plant gardens. This home will be the focus of the next Water Conservation video which is being created in partnership with New Jersey American Water Company.