



NEW HOMES BUILT FOR

energy-efficiency, sustainability

Gentry Homes continues to raise the bar on new home energy efficiency on Oahu. At the single-family new home community of Sandalwood at Ewa by Gentry, homeowners benefit from a host of energy-saving features.

“The Sandalwood homes, which start in the high \$500,000 range, incorporate numerous Gentry Green Living features that are included in the price and complement our newest home designs,” said Rick Hobson, Gentry vice president of sales and marketing.

Sandalwood’s three- and four-bedroom homes, with up

to 1,946 square feet of living space and nine-foot ceiling heights on the first and second levels, include interior laundry rooms, spacious kitchens with natural raised panel wood cabinetry, Corian countertops, stainless steel under-mount sinks, and a GE ceramic cooktop range/oven, dishwasher and microwave appliance package.

A few of the Gentry Green Living features are a 1 kW photovoltaic (PV) energy system, solar hot water heater with an automatic timer, 16-SEER central air conditioning that can provide maximum energy efficiency with a MERV 8 filtra-

tion and UV light purification system, dual pane Low-E windows, a LED lighting package, and Icynene open cell foam insulation that seals the entire home from outside noise and dust pollens and reduces air conditioning loss.

“When you combine all these built-in features, you’ve got brand new, Energy Star-rated, efficient hybrid homes that can offer substantial savings on monthly electric bills,” Hobson said.

He also pointed out that Gentry builds with sustainable materials such as Borate-treated termite-resistant lumber



from managed forests and engineered wood products that produce superior quality beams and floor joists. On-site procedures include stabilizing and protecting exposed soil and slopes with mulch during grading and fill quantities to avoid significant topography changes. Water conservation is addressed with drip irrigation systems, electronic timers and rain shut-off devices. Mulching also minimizes water evaporation in exterior landscaping.

“Gentry has created a long-term sustainability program that will leave a lasting legacy reaching beyond the Ewa by Gentry master-planned community,” Hobson added. “A partnership with Hawaiian Legacy Hardwoods has been established and, through their Hawaiian Legacy Reforestation Initiative, Gentry has set a goal to plant a native koa or

sandalwood tree for every home built. Planting trees will help develop a stronger ecosystem in Hawaii and provide shelter for wildlife.

“We feel that partnering with Hawaiian Legacy Hardwoods is ‘pono,’ doing what is right, to ensure that our forests are planted with new trees ... just as building new energy-efficient homes is the right thing to do for the environment. Each new homeowner at our ParkSide and Sandalwood communities will receive a Legacy tree certificate from Gentry Homes and, additionally, \$20 will be donated to a local charity as part of our Hawaiian Legacy partnership.”

Hobson noted that Gentry Homes has won several BIA Parade of Homes BuiltGreen Gold Level Awards and the HECO Energy Value Housing Award for Single Family Homes.