



Net and Blow Insulation for the Win

When you've got 6,000 single family homes to properly insulate, plus want to manage costs and streamline the process, Johns Manville Climate Pro® blowing wool is a great option.

Sometimes, it's all about the code. The building code, that is.

For Allied Insulation, using net and blow insulation on a single-family home subdivision in Littleton, Colorado, was the best option. It helped them get the R-23 value needed in order to meet the 2021 International Building Code (the current code being used in unincorporated Littleton) for a major national homebuilder.

Installing Johns Manville Climate Pro® blowing wool into the exterior walls meets the specifications – and it's also something the Allied crew likes doing.

"It's more work when you have to cut a batt to fit around boxes and split wires and everything, whereas with net and blow, you get a more fully insulated section," said Zia Wilkinson, Branch Manager for Allied.

Wilkinson explained that different builders have varied specifications, depending on what they do for window packages, HVAC systems and other energy efficiency items. There's an overall efficiency number to be met, so a higher-grade window might mean a different insulation package is required.

PRODUCT

Climate Pro® Blow-In Fiberglass

LOCATION

Littleton, CO

INSTALLER

Allied Insulation





In a climate like Colorado's front range, temperatures can dip below 0° in the winter and touch 100° in the summer, so adequate insulation helps keep homes comfortable also boosts their overall energy performance.

Before the 2021 code went into effect, the homebuilder adjusted their specifications to net and blow insulation. In the Sterling Ranch subdivision in Littleton there are about 6,000 homes, so the Allied crew has had plenty to keep them going there for quite some time.

On average, an Allied crew of two can complete a home in three or four hours. All the external walls receive the Climate Pro, as well as the garage common wall (the wall between the garage and living space).

"These are my best guys, and they have systems in place and know what they're doing, so we can do a couple of houses a day," Wilkinson said.

The attics also receive Climate Pro, but that's done on a separate day, closer to the home being complete. After drywall is installed and paint and texture is finished in the home, the blow-in insulation is completed in the attic. Depending on the size of the attic, Wilkinson said a crew can usually do six to eight attics in a day, making quick work of the final step of the job.

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