**NFRC 2019 Fall Membership Meeting is less than a week away!**

Join the experts, learn from the fenestration community strategies that can take your business to the next level.

It's not too late to register

[Meeting registration](#)

**The NFRC meeting app is live!**

If you've registered for the meeting, you will receive an email invitation with instructions on how to download the app.

Still need to register?

[Register here](#)

*Don't forget to tag us on social media and the app by using #NFRCMeetings during the meeting.*
NFRC’s commitment to energy efficiency and sustainability extends beyond the work we do. We also recognize the impact we can have as individuals in being good stewards of the environment, which is why NFRC is pleased to announce that $10 of every registration fee for our September 23-25 meeting will be donated to a local charity. That charity, TreesCharlotte, uses donations to replenish and diversify Charlotte’s urban forests and educate the public about the environmental benefits of a healthy tree canopy. Check out their website for more information.

**NFRC Leaders Network**

NFRC’s 30 years of experience and fair, accurate and credible ratings at our fingertips makes us a key source of knowledge in the energy efficiency and green building space. To leverage those resources and educate our members and the industry, we’re pleased to announce our new and improved NFRC Leaders Network, which will build upon and expand the work of the Volunteer Leaders Network. The NFRC Leaders Network will kick-off with the Green Track Event, in conjunction with the Fall Membership Meeting.

**Team Mixology with the NFRC Leaders Network!**

NFRC’s zesty, new approach to networking: it’s social, it’s casual and it’s interactive! After a long day of meetings, unwind, have fun, and compete against members and staff in a Chopped-style competition. In our “mixology lab” you’ll learn to mix, stir, and swizzle with the pros while absorbing the finer points of cocktail creation. NFRC’s cocktail (or non-alcoholic mocktail) contest will ‘stir up’ a little friendly competition, complete with prizes for the champions. Register here today because this opportunity is only available to the first 25 people who register.

We hope to see you there …. Shaken or stirred!

**Meet the presenters**
For more information about these sessions, click here. Also, make sure to register for these sessions when you register for the meeting.

Mission Possible - 2018 Year In Review

NFRC is proud to present the 2018 annual report, which celebrates our 30th anniversary of providing fair, accurate, and credible fenestration product ratings.

Read Annual Report

Energy Efficiency Day 2019

On October 2, 2019, a growing network of advocates, companies, government agencies, utilities and others will showcase the benefits of energy efficiency during the 4th annual nationwide Energy Efficiency Day. NFRC took the pledge.

Find out more

Opportunity to Partner with the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon

The Solar Decathlon is a collegiate competition comprising 10 contests, that challenges student teams to design and build highly efficient, innovative homes powered by renewable energy.

The Solar Decathlon Build Challenge will take place June 25 – July 5, 2020 on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with the Smithsonian Folklife Festival. The event will feature 11 teams with tourable homes, and/or displays of their locally built homes. With over 500,000 expected attendees including the general public and policy makers, this event is a tremendous opportunity to feature your brand and priorities.
Celebrating NFRC's 30th Anniversary

30 voices for 30 years

Our 30 Voices for 30 Years campaign continue with Jacob Jonsson story. Jacob believes that NFRC’s expertise, new technological resources, and further scientific research improvements and growth could be possible.

Read his story

NFRC Programs

NFRC Billing Information

NFRC's product line fees invoices were emailed September 10, 2019. If you have not received your invoice, or if you have questions, please contact NFRC at accounting@nfrc.org.

NFRC offers the ability to pay invoices online. Once logged in, you will see all of the open invoices. This is a secure site and it is PCI Compliant. It will not process payments automatically. If you choose to pay by credit card, click here: PAYMENT PORTAL.

If you have any questions regarding billing or the payment portal, please contact us at accounting@nfrc.org.

Tutorials

NFRC has updated some of the standing NFRC trainings and added tutorials on other topics. Check HERE for a growing list of available trainings and tutorials. Additional courses that assist NFRC members and participants in navigating NFRC’s programs and processes will be added in the weeks and months to come. Stay tuned!

FenStar® Update:

The FenStar program is a certification program operated by NFRC. The purpose of the program is two-fold – the program is intended to demonstrate product compliance with the ENERGY STAR® program for windows, doors, and skylights and it is intended to meet the requirements of the EPA for certification of all ENERGY STAR products in all categories.

Verification testing is a required part of the certification program per the EPA as set forth in the ENERGY STAR program documents. This makes the verification testing a major part of the FenStar certification program and, technically, it is the only way staff and the EPA have to verify the continued compliance and performance of products listed in the ENERGY STAR program.

Verification testing for FenStar IS a certification test. Without a verification test,
performed in the calendar year in which the product was selected, continued FenStar certification is in jeopardy. In years past, verification testing has not been completed by the end of the calendar year in which it was started. Earlier this year, FenStar staff met with the EPA to discuss why this is a continued occurrence. Since that time, staff has been monitoring our own performance along with manufacturer and lab responsiveness.

Increased scrutiny on the verification test process and performance for 2019 has provided insight on where problems lie. Here is a snapshot of the verification test status for 2019 as of the beginning of September:

- All notices were sent to manufacturers by the end of April.
- There are 14 manufacturers that have yet to respond to the request for a verification test unit. Those manufacturers have been reported to EPA as non-responsive.
- There are approximately 25 manufacturers that have yet to build and ship their units to a lab.
- Approximately half of the test units are at labs awaiting testing. The average wait time for the units at the labs and not tested is just over 90 days.
- About 30 units are still in the test process.
- Twelve units have been completed.
- Our milestone date to have the thermal tests complete on all units was 9/30/2019. That milestone will not be met.

Therefore, over the course of the remainder of the year, staff will be reviewing verification testing procedures and guidelines. Non-responsive manufacturers will be suspended from the FenStar certification program and reported to the EPA for suspension from the ENERGY STAR program. Lab performance will be monitored and reported to the EPA. Lab performance will be taken into consideration for continued participation in the verification test program.

With the accreditation of the FenStar program to the ISO/IEC 17065 standard imminent, the program cannot continue to allow non-responsive stakeholders to treat a FenStar certification as less of a certification than any others. It is not fair to those stakeholders that do take this process seriously and consistently perform their duties in a conscientious and timely manner.

### Conferences / Meetings

**September 2019**

- [GlassBuild America](#), Atlanta, GA -- September 17 - 19, 2019. Booth #321
- [NFRC 2019 Fall Membership Meeting](#), Charlotte, NC -- September 23 - 25

**November 2019**

- [NFMT Orlando](#), Orlando, FL -- November 13 - 14, 2019. Booth #920
- [Greenbuild International Conference and Expo](#), Atlanta, GA November 19 - 22, 2019. Booth #2940
NFRC envisions a future where every window, door, and skylight purchase decision is made using the NFRC label to evaluate energy performance.