

Drexel Park – First Time homebuyers are falling in love with Drexel Park in Delray

Delray – Location, amenity and affordability. Three major factors that heavily persuade you when buying a home. Here is one community that provides it all. Drexel Park by Engle Homes is a townhome community that delivers a fantastic Delray location on Linton just east of Jog with a maintenance-free lifestyle close to desirable Boca Raton dining and shopping and the nightlife of Atlantic Avenue. This upscale, gated townhome community provides resort-style ready to use amenities, convenience, and highly livable floor plans as well as Engle Homes' quality construction and customer service. All this with pricing starting from just \$269,990 plus first time homebuyers can get a

\$7,500 tax credit when they purchase at Drexel Park!

These beautiful Mediterranean-styled townhomes feature three great floor plans ranging from 1,779 to over 2,100 square feet in three or four bedrooms and the final phase of lake front lots are now available for sale.

Drexel Park is situated within minutes of both I-95 and the Florida Turnpike, offers convenient access to all of south Palm Beach County's best attractions, beaches, shopping, schools, and entertainment venues. Additionally, residents can walk to the new Publix plaza located right next door, just immediately outside the community's gate. Just imagine all the money you'll save on gas not having to

drive to Publix every week. But convenience is only the beginning. These spacious, two-story townhomes with garages and covered entries include attractive architectural detailing, tile roofs, paver driveways, lush tropical landscaping and more. Drexel Park residents, many first time homebuyers enjoy all the advantages of maintenance-free, townhouse living with a single-family ambiance that includes a large, central lake surrounded by scenic walking paths, a recreation area with tot-lot, and plenty of open green space. The community clubhouse is now open and includes a banquet room, catering kitchen for parties, a great room, and a fitness center. The community also

features a heated pool and sprawling sundeck tot-lot and walking/jogging path.

These well-appointed new townhomes come with standard exterior features like impact resistant glass in all front windows, accordion shutters for rear and side windows and rear patios. Inside, buyers can expect beauty and functionality in efficient layouts with gourmet kitchens, plenty of closets and storage, full-sized upstairs washer and dryer, solid wood cabinetry, and dual sinks and walk-in closets in all master suites.

"People of all ages are coming to Drexel Park," states Linda Massarella, Vice President of Marketing for Engle Homes. "We are getting families, couples, singles and even empty



Final phase of lake lots now available for sale at Drexel Park.

nesters, looking for that maintenance-free lifestyle in a great location."

Don't wait anymore, the final phase of lake front lots are now selling! Tour the model today. See for yourself why Drexel Park is the perfect location with the best amenities all at an affordable price. Stop by

the sales office, open daily from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. To visit Drexel Park, take I-95 to Linton Boulevard and go west past Military Trail. The sales center will be located to your left (south side) next to the Publix. For more information, call 561-638-2626 or visit www.englhomes.com.



GREEN KITCHEN

Remodeling for Efficiency

A well-designed, attractive kitchen gives a home life. All that liveliness, though, is probably the single biggest energy drain in your home.

Lighting, refrigeration and cooking are responsible for 41.5 percent of a home's energy consumption, according to U.S. Department of Energy estimates. Add to that regular kitchen activities like water heating, plus space heating and cooling, and you begin to get the picture of how critical the kitchen really is.

When you're remodeling, the kitchen presents a big opportunity to improve the home's energy performance. Broadening the scope of your project to include energy efficiency, ecological benefits, accessibility and health considerations will provide long-term cost savings, comfort, peace of mind and safety.

Here are 6 high-impact

ideas for creating a "green" kitchen:

• Eco-Friendly Flooring

Products manufactured from rapidly renewing forests can provide you with a beautiful, affordable and durable floor—and an environmentally responsible choice. Bamboo, cork, and eucalyptus mature in roughly half the time (or less) that it takes hardwoods, grown in colder climates, to reach market size.

• Stained Concrete or Indigenous Stone Countertops

Use materials that are durable and water-resistant for both counters and backsplashes. Stained concrete uses non-toxic, natural pigments rather than surface-applied stains. There is also the option of adding other recycled materials into the mixture. Many types of indigenous stone are available and can come from salvage and remnants. Make sure they are well

sealed to prevent staining. Keep seams in counter top surface material at least 2 feet away from the sink and out of heavily used areas.

• Energy-Efficient Task Lighting and Lighting Controls

Maximize natural lighting and provide task lighting. Lighting controls range from a simple outdoor light fixture with a built-in photosensor to whole-house programmable controls that allow fixtures to perform as task, safety or mood lighting. The cost of a control can often be offset by the first year's energy savings.

• Energy-Efficient Appliances

When buying a refrigerator, dishwasher or vent fan for your kitchen renovation, remember that it will have two price tags: what you pay to take it home and what you pay for the energy and water it uses. Energy Star-qualified appliances incorporate advanced technologies that use 10 to

50 percent less energy and water than standard models.

• Low-VOC Kitchen Cabinets

When buying new cabinets, you have a few green options. Some solid wood cabinet lines have low-VOC emissions. Laminates and thermofoil cabinets can seal in VOCs contained in substrates. You also can look at cabinets made from agricultural fiber panels such as wheatboard and strawboard. Made from plant stems and sustainable binders, these materials are a good choice for areas that will not be subjected to wetting.

If considering resurfacing or refacing existing cabinets, cabinets that are made with particleboard or fiberboard are likely to contain urea formaldehyde and are not resistant to moisture. However, sealing them with low-VOC (volatile organic compounds) paint or stain or laminating with a new surface will seal the substrates.



• Induction Cooktop

Induction cooking uses electricity to produce a magnetic field that reacts with the ferric content in stainless steel, cast iron, and enameled steel cookware, exciting the molecules and producing heat. The cookware (and therefore the food) gets hot, but the stovetop doesn't. Less heat is wasted and the food heats faster, saving time and energy. Induction cooking is about 90 percent energy efficient as compared to gas and electric radiant, which are 50 to 60 percent efficient. Induction cooking is relatively new to

the mass marketplace and currently retails at a premium.

Boca Kitchens & Floors is located in the Blum's Plaza at 2900 N. Fedreal Hwy. in Boca Raton. Call for a complimentary consultation with one of our professional kitchen designers at 561.620.6200.



SRD Building Corp is going GREEN

Given SRD Building Corp's long history of building with quality craftsmanship and modern technology, it is no surprise that they are the first builders in Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club to build a Green Home! This new 5 bedroom and 5.2 bathroom home has 9,568 square feet of total area and will have multiple "Green Building" certifications under the Crystal Quality Built SM umbrella including; LEED@Home, Fortified...for safer living®, ENERGY STAR®, Florida Green Home and Florida Water Star SM.

The benefits of a Green Home are numerous: lower energy consumption, reduced and responsible water usage, improved indoor air quality and

preservation of the environment for future generations. One example of energy savings is in solar water heating. In Florida, where it is sunny most of the year, a properly sized solar water heating system can supply almost 90% of the home's hot water. Also, through the use of high quality insulations and ultra-efficient air conditioning systems, you can lower your energy consumption by up to 40% or 50%, all while providing cleaner and healthier air quality throughout the home.

293 Fern Palm Road in Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club grew out of SRD owners', Scott and Steve Dingle's, realization that they could take the next step in utilizing the quality building practices and techniques that they

have been refining for years to build Royal Palm's first Green Home. With the soft green exterior color, the LEED@Home certification and SRD Building Corporation's signature, this is sure to be one of the finest homes ever built in Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club! Wouldn't any buyer want to know that they are buying a home that is environmentally responsible, extremely energy efficient and healthier to live in? Please visit www.SRDBuildingCorp.com

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