

WATER HEATING ACCOUNTS FOR ROUGHLY 16% OF UTILITY BILL COSTS

While hot water is a household convenience that usually isn't given much thought until it stops, it is the second-largest energy expense for most homes. It's important to consider ways to increase hot water efficiency in your home to help you save money and keep your system running smoothly.



HOUSEHOLDS
CAN SPEND AN
AVERAGE OF

\$500

ON WATER
HEATING
EVERY YEAR



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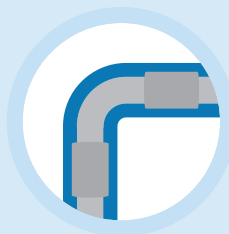
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YOUR GUIDE TO LOWER WATER HEATING COSTS

These simple, small-scale tips can help you improve efficiency and save money.

- Turn your water heater thermostat to 120°F
- Wash only full loads of clothes and dishes
- Fix leaks. One drip per second can cost \$1/month
- Turn off the water when scrubbing dishes
- Install low-flow faucets and showerheads
- Take short showers instead of baths



Insulate your hot water pipes

To start: Determine the size of your pipes, the type of insulation you want and how much of it you'll need.



Insulate your water heater tank

Tip: Be sure your water heater is not leaking and consider insulating underneath the tank.



TIME FOR A NEW WATER HEATER?

It's smart to look into buying a new one before your current one leaves you shivering. As you shop for a new model for your home, there are a few key factors to keep in mind. Make sure to consider the fuel type, efficiency, operating costs and size of each option, as updated standards have impacted the dimensions of new models.



BUYING A MORE EFFICIENT WATER HEATER CAN SAVE YOU \$40 TO \$280 PER YEAR ON ENERGY COSTS