

## U.S. Department of Energy - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Energy Savers

### Energy-Efficient Water Heating

To lower your water heating bills, try one or more of these energy-saving strategies:

- [Reduce your hot water use](#)
- [Lower your water heating temperature](#)
- [Insulate your water heater tank](#)
- [Insulate hot water pipes](#)
- [Install heat traps on a water heater tank](#)
- [Install a timer and use off-peak power for an electric water heater](#)
- [Install a drain-water heat recovery system.](#)

If you haven't already, you can save energy and money by installing a new, more [energy-efficient water heater](#) in your home.

Also, see [how to read residential electric and natural gas meters](#) to help you monitor your efficiency efforts.

### Learn More

#### Financing & Incentives

- [Find Federal Tax Credits for Energy Efficiency ENERGY STAR®](#)

#### Reading List

- Krigger, J.; Dorsi, C. (2004). *Residential Energy: Cost Savings and Comfort for Existing Buildings*. Helena, MT: Saturn Resource Management.
- *Home Energy Briefs: #5 Water Heating (PDF 161 KB)*. (2004). Rocky Mountain Institute. 6 pp.

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