

WATER HEATERS (WITH STORAGE TANK)

Heating water accounts for approximately 20% of your home's energy bill.

Water heaters with storage tank, also known as hot water tanks, are common in Canadian homes. These systems store heated water and supply it, as needed, to household fixtures and appliances. Electricity, gas or oil is used to heat water stored in the tank, which typically holds between 113 and 378 litres of water. The water in the tank is continuously reheated and kept hot 24 hours a day, whether you are using water or not – using energy and costing you money.



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WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

- ENERGY STAR® certified models use 14% less energy, on average, than other storage tank models.



THINGS TO CONSIDER:

- To improve efficiency, insulate the hot and cold water pipes within 2 to 3 metres of the water heater, and reduce the water temperature on your thermostat. Most water heaters are set to 60°C (140° F), consider 48°C (120° F) instead.
- For optimal efficiency, consider a tankless water heater, which only heats water when it's needed.
- Before you buy, check with your municipality or retailer to see if any rebates are available.
- Consider financing your home energy improvements through the City of Toronto's Home Energy Loan Program (HELPP).
- Get an EnerGuide Energy Efficiency Home Evaluation to help you understand how your home uses energy and identify all improvement opportunities.



COST:

\$800 - \$1,500 plus installation.

BetterHomesTO: Tips, tools & resources to improve the energy efficiency of your home. [BetterHomesTO.ca](https://www.betterhometo.ca)

