

## Choosing Energy Efficient Hot Water



**The following three tips will help provide direction on purchasing an energy efficient water heater.**

1) The most important thing to consider when buying a water heater is the Energy Star approval. Both tanks heaters and on demand systems need to be Energy Star approved to be considered energy efficient. Don't assume a eater will be efficient just because it is an on demand system.

2) When you have the option, choose a high efficiency gas heater instead of an electric heater. Relatively low gas rates makes it about \$1000 cheaper annually to run a gas heater instead of a electric.

3) An on demand Gas heater can save about \$90 per year in standby energy loss but will also require more maintenance than a tank style heater. The biggest benefit of the on demand heater is the small footprint. If you are replacing a tank heater and do not have space issues you should replace it with a new tank heater.

