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## Natural Gas & Energy Star

### A Winning Combination

Enjoy peace of mind, plenty of hot water, energy savings, performance, reliability, and an earth-friendly lifestyle with a high-efficiency ENERGY STAR qualified natural gas water heater.

Save some cash. Depending on the size of your family, an ENERGY STAR qualified gas storage water heater can save you about \$30 a year over a standard model or \$360 over the 13-year lifetime of the unit.

Make a good investment that protects the environment, too. For example, if everyone in the U.S. purchased an ENERGY STAR qualified model instead of a standard gas water heater, one billion pounds of carbon dioxide would be prevented from entering the atmosphere each year. That's the equivalent of saving 132,000 acres of forest!

#### ENERGY AND MONEY SAVING TIPS

For energy savings, set your water heater thermostat at 120° Fahrenheit or the lowest temperature that provides you with sufficient hot water.

To save water, install low-flow showerheads and faucets.

Insulate pipes that run through unheated areas to limit heat loss.

To compare storage water heater units, check the yellow Energy Guide label for annual energy usage and operating costs.

**Remember.** The next time you need to replace your water heater, choose a high-efficiency ENERGY STAR qualified model for increased comfort, savings, and the environment.

For more information about the ENERGY STAR label, water heater replacement, or other natural gas appliances, call the Energy Specialists at 1-800-654-2765.



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**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

**Calling Volume**

Call volume is heaviest on Mondays at Southwest Gas. If possible, please call our offices Tuesday through Friday for quicker service.

**Safety Rules**

Before you begin any kind of digging project, it pays to know where underground utility lines are buried. Because natural gas, electric, water and telephone lines run just beneath the surface of streets, alleys, and landscaped or vacant land, they can be hit and damaged by digging tools.

To prevent unnecessary damage to utility lines, the law requires you to call before you dig. Within two working days of your call, the utility lines will be marked and you or your contractor can dig safely. Failure to obtain the proper location of underground utilities is a violation of the law and could result in significant fines and expensive repair bills.

*Call your local one-call center.  
It's easy. It's the law.*

**What's New?**

Cool news from Southwest Gas is just around the corner. To learn more about how you can both heat and cool your large custom home or business with natural gas, call 1-800-654-2765.

Now you can  
**Heat & cool**  
with natural gas

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY:**

Because natural gas is a clean-burning, nationally abundant, and environmentally friendly fossil fuel, consumers who use natural gas directly for heating, water heating, cooking, and clothes drying play an important role in protecting our environment. And, with energy independence on everyone's mind, it's good to know that 85 percent of the natural gas we consume is produced right here in America.

If you want to increase your home's energy efficiency, reduce your utility costs, and help the environment, turn to Southwest Gas for answers. We can help you manage your home's energy consumption with great energy savings tips. Just visit us at [www.swgas.com](http://www.swgas.com) or give us a call at 1-800-OK-GAS-OK.

