



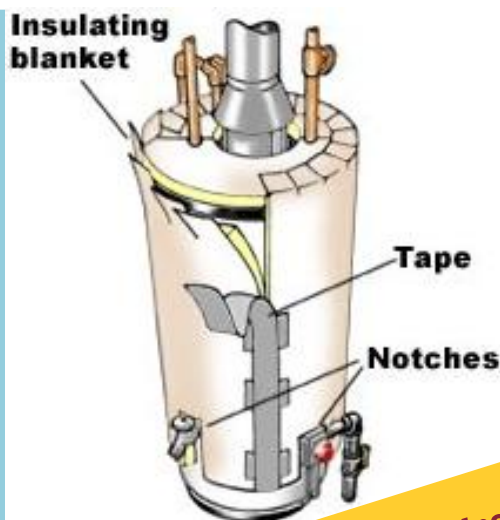
## In November

## Task of the Month

### Insulate water heater and pipes; lower the water heater temperature to 120°F.

Heating water can use as much energy as the rest of an average household's (non heating/cooling) electric appliances combined.

Water Heater Blanket Kits are available for gas and electric water heaters, though gas are trickier to install. They can prevent up to 95% of their radiant heat loss.



#### **Aren't water heaters already insulated?**

Yes, but they can lose heat if located in an unheated space. If your water heater feels warm to the touch, you will save money and have more hot water by adding more insulation.

Hardware stores also carry foam tubes for different size hot water pipes. Insulating the pipes that take water from your heater to your faucets cost about 16¢ a foot and results in more savings.



pipe  
insulation

**Cost:** \$25

**Est. Savings:** \$25/year

**Difficulty:** Moderate

See [MoCoEnergyChallenge.org](http://MoCoEnergyChallenge.org) or email us  
[MoCoEnergyChallenge@gmail.com](mailto:MoCoEnergyChallenge@gmail.com)