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Water Heater Tips Put Safety & Savings On Tap

Keep safety and energy savings on tap year-round with these simple tips for your home water heater.

- ✓ Set the water heater thermostat to 120°F or less to save energy and reduce the risk of scalding. (If your dishwasher lacks a booster heater, a setting of 140°F may be needed.)
- ✓ Hand-test water temperature before bathing or showering. A child's bath water generally should be no hotter than 100°F.
- ✓ Securely install water heater restraints to wall studs to prevent movement or toppling during an earthquake, as required by state law.
- ✓ Keep flammable products away from the water heater and vent system to help prevent fire hazards.
- ✓ Keep the area around the water heater clean and well-ventilated.
- ✓ Fix leaky faucets to prevent heated water from dripping away.
- ✓ Use cold water to wash clothes and rinse dishes when possible.
- ✓ Run full loads in the clothes washer and dishwasher.
- ✓ Install low-flow devices on faucets and showerheads — less water, less heating.



For more energy safety information, visit [sdge.com/safety](https://www.sdge.com/safety).

