





Residential Sizing Guide

Things To Consider

- If you are running out of hot water, it could be due to an oversized or jetted tub, teenagers, or an added bathroom. Consider a larger water heater.
- If you are planning to stay in your home, consider models made with a longer warranty, it's less expensive when installation and maintenance expenses are considered.
- If you have hard water that leaves deposits on fixtures and requires frequent replacement of heating elements, consider a self-cleaning model
- For Gas models, check to make sure exhaust vent will handle a larger water heater with more BTU input.

Residential Water Heater Sizing Guide

Family Size	Demand	Gallon Capacity Required	
		Electric	Gas
 5+	High	-	75
	Regular/Low	80	50
 3-4	High	80	50-75
	Regular/Low	50	40
 2-3	High	50	40-50
	Regular/Low	40	40
 1-2	High	40-50	40-50
	Regular/Low	30	30

This chart is for determining appropriate water heater capacity in response to individual family requirements. Individual use may vary. Sizing is based on 3 gallons per minute shower head and standard bathtub. Accommodations for larger capacity and higher recovery water heaters should be made for high demand conditions.