

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Propane Helps Fuel Trend In On-Demand Hot Water

(NAPSA)—Americans love hot showers. According to a recent survey, 90 percent of homeowners consider hot water the one convenience they cannot live without.

To ensure they never have to, homeowners may want to do a little research. Some water heating systems are more likely than others to provide continuous hot water, and also save cost and space.

The number one benefit of propane tankless water heaters is the on-demand feature. Because tankless water heaters don't have a holding tank, water is heated on an as-needed basis, not heated and stored for hours like a traditional tank. This reduces energy loss from sitting water and helps guarantee hot water right through the last shower.

According to the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC), tankless water heaters fueled by propane provide the most benefits, both long-term and short-term, to consumers who are considering purchasing a new system. Benefits of propane tankless water heaters include:

1. **On-Demand Hot Water**—The unit heats water only as it is needed or “on-demand.” Cold water travels through a pipe and past propane burners that heat the water instantly. The water is then delivered directly to household appliances and showers.

2. **Cost and Energy Savings**—On average, propane water heaters can cost one-third less to operate than comparable electric



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models. They eliminate what are called “standby losses,” energy lost through the walls of the tank and the fuel pipe. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, this represents 10 to 20 percent of a household's annual water heating costs. Also, tankless units have a life expectancy of 20 years, while traditional water heaters only last 10-15 years.

3. **Space Savings**—Tankless water heaters are powerful, yet compact. Most can be wall-mounted inside or outside of the home.

The efficiency of propane added to the benefits of tankless technology can save money for consumers in the long run—and the idea of on-demand hot water simply makes for happier households.

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