



Water Heater Maintenance

Gas Water Heaters:

To avoid unnecessary warranty repairs or no hot water, read the manufacturer's manual and check the pilot light of your gas water heater. If the pilot light is not lit, refer to your owner's manual for instructions on how to light it.

Drain the water heater to remove sediment buildup that can cause the heating element to burn out by following the manufacturer's instructions. Prior to draining, turn off the circuit breaker for the water heater, shut off the cold-water supply to the heater, open a nearby hot water faucet, and fully open the heater tank. After draining, turn the electricity back on. Failure to follow these steps may result in dry-firing the elements, which could make replacing them necessary.

Electric Water Heaters:

Before conducting any maintenance or adjusting the temperature of an electric water heater, ensure that the power is turned off.

Drain the water heater monthly to remove any sediment that may have accumulated in the tank. To do this, drain approximately one gallon of water until it runs clear. After draining, remember to refill the tank completely before restarting the water heater.

Have a qualified service technician inspect the water heater annually for any damaged components.