

KPU Electric Division Conservation Tip #8

Energy Star ® Water Heaters Save You Money!!!

Water heating is the third largest energy expense in your home. It typically accounts for about 13% of your utility bill. There are four ways to cut your water heating bills: use less hot water, turn down the thermostat on your water heater, insulate your water heater, or buy a new, more efficient water heater. The heat that escapes through the tank shell is especially important if it's in an unheated location such as a basement or porch. A water heater blanket can save from five to 10 percent of the energy the water heater consumes. It should be noted that most water heaters manufactured in the last 8 – 10 years have adequate insulation.

