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Water heater installation may not be the first thing on your mind right now, but it may prove to be the most important thing you consider this fall. Think of it like this: you wake up to get ready for work on a chilly fall morning, looking to take a shower with warm, comforting water. However, when you turn on the shower, you are instead met with ice cold water that sends a shiver up your spine! And it won't be just your morning shower that will be impacted without hot water. Day-to-day tasks like laundry and dishwashing may not be able to get done. Worse, you may not even have hot water to prepare yourself a nice, warm dinner. If your current water heater isn't able to provide hot water for any of these needs, installation suddenly becomes quite necessary.

Why Call Us for Installation?

While hot water is essential at any time of year, you also want to avoid installing the wrong water heater. In that case, you need to call Dupree Plumbing immediately for water heater installation. After all, without any professional help, you may land a water heater that will only lead to poor energy efficiency and make you spend even more on hot water heater repair. Worse, installing the wrong model brings with it a safety risk, by becoming more likely to emit carbon monoxide that will spread throughout your home.

Fortunately, our plumbing contractors will be able to provide you with service that will guarantee you have the perfect water heater in your home. No more unpleasant morning showers, and certainly no risk of discomfort throughout the fall and winter. Your comfort is our top priority, which is why we always go the extra mile to ensure your satisfaction.

When to Consider Water Heater Installation

If you are unsure now is the time for water heater installation, it may be the wise thing to consider, especially if:

- You have an older water heater with a higher risk of malfunctioning
- You are moving into a new home and want to ensure your heating needs are met
- Hot water is contaminated and proves a major health hazard
- Looking for a water heater better suited for meeting the needs of your family



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- The tank of a conventional water heater is causing you too much trouble (leaks, cracks, corrosion, etc.)

If any of these scenarios apply to you, it's time to call up Dupree Plumbing and get the water heater will prove the perfect fit for your home.

5 Factors to Consider Right Now

Finding the right water heater can bring you all sorts of long-term benefits, like lower energy costs and longer-lasting water heating capabilities. If you want to ensure that you do not go a single day without hot water this fall and winter, please consider these 5 highly important factors before you throw money down on the nearest water heater:

- **Hot Water Needs:** Everyone needs hot water in their home, but what about you in particular? How many plumbing fixtures do you have in your home? Do you live with a large number of occupants? You need to consider your unique hot water needs before anything else. Once you establish what you want out of a new water heater, the much clearer your path will be.
- **Type of Water Heater:** You now fortunately have a wider range of water heating models at your selection. You don't have to settle for that conventional water heater anymore. You also have the option of tankless, solar, indirect, and tankless coil water heaters. They all come with their own pros and cons. For example, a tankless water heater has an impressive efficiency rate of 96% and can save you \$100 more on annual operating costs, but it boasts a higher installation cost compared to other types.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Are you tired of high costs on energy bills? If so, you need to consider the efficiency rate of your new water heater. Even if you equip your home with a modern water heater, it may not be too polite on your energy costs. How can you get water heating in your home that will provide hot for all purposes without costing even more on energy bills? Solar water heaters use less fuel to heat up water, resulting in hot water that will save you more on bills and reduce your carbon footprint.
- **Fuel Type:** The most common types of fuel for water heaters today is gas and electricity, although some modern water heaters are powered by solar energy or

propane. Considering fuel type is important in situations where you are looking to replace your



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- current water heater. For example, if you are looking to replace an electric water heater that is costing you too much on energy bills, you want to consider a gas water heater instead which will prove more energy-efficient.
- **Size of the Water Heater:** Your hot water needs and the size of the water heater often go hand in hand. Before any installation work begins, it is important for your contractor to conduct measurements and inspect your home to determine if your chosen type will be able to fit within your home's physical space. Choosing the wrong sized water heater can result in poor energy efficiency, a higher chance of water heater replacement, and a general lack of hot water that will fail to meet anyone's needs.

Do You Need Water Heater Repair or Replacement?

If you're like many Americans, you have every intention of getting your water heater serviced each year, but it's been years since you've contacted a water heater repair company like All Masters Plumbing. Your water heater is one of those machines that needs consistent attention over time to keep it working efficiently and to reduce the likelihood of dangerous malfunctions.

What's Wrong With My Water Heater?

A few common problems that might require water heater service include bad heating elements, a broken thermostat, an issue with the pressure relief valve, or a leak. With regular maintenance, your water heater should last somewhere between 10 and 15 years, but you never know when a problem might occur with a simple device on this essential appliance.

Water Heater Service & Repair

If you're not getting hot water when you run a faucet, or you're finding that the hot water isn't lasting for more than a few minutes, it might be time to get your water heater inspected for problems. Not all problems are so obvious, so it's important to have a professional come take a look.

Consider: Even if it's an easy fix, repairing a small problem early is much cheaper than finding a flood around your water heater one morning.



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Diagnosing a Hot Water Heater Leak

A big puddle on the floor in the garage where your water heater sits is a pretty clear indication that something's not right inside the machine, but water heater leaks aren't always so obvious. Sometimes, it's that yearly checkup that allows you to reduce the cost of your gas water heater repair because the problem was caught before it became a catastrophe.

Important! If you suspect your water heater is leaking, don't wait to call for water heater leak repair. You can't seal a leak with a handy roll of duct tape. Let the professionals fix your water heater so that it doesn't result in the need for complete replacement. Fixing a water heater is always less expensive than full water heater installation.

Repairing a Water Heater Thermostat

A common problem that occurs in older water heaters is the failure of the thermostat. During electric water heater repair, your technician will confirm that the water heater is powered correctly and may then check the thermostat to see if it's causing improper heating or cooling of the tank's water.

Other Common Water Heater Problems

Certain types of water heaters may have problems that others don't. For example, your gas water heater may have a problem with the gas pilot. Obviously, that wouldn't happen with an electric water heater.

Additionally, some water heater problems could be the result of plumbing issues that aren't caused by a malfunction in the water heater itself.

Call All Masters Plumbing for water heater service if you experience any of the following problems:



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- Lack of hot water or not enough hot water
- Popping noises coming from the water heater
- Low pitched rumbling or high pitched whining

Any signs of leaks around the water heater

Water Heater Installation

If you're in the or area and are looking at installing a completely new water heater, you may have a choice between tankless water heater installation and gas water heater installation. You might also be in the market for an electric water heater.

Consider More than Water Heater Installation Cost

How do you choose which water heater to install? Well, you might consider the water heater installation cost, but it's more important to consider the expected lifespan of the water heater and the likelihood of repairs during that time.

It's also a good idea to look at the benefits of each type of water heater before you decide on gas or electric water heater installation. For example, a gas water heater tends to require a fairly large spot for installation while an electric water heater can stand safely in a much smaller space. Contact All Masters Plumbing for questions about Water Heater Installation.

Is it Time for a Tankless Water Heater?

Many families today also consider tankless water heater installation as an energy-efficient option in the modern household. Tankless water heaters usually run on natural gas or propane, and they eliminate the need to store several gallons of water in a tank. They're an "on demand" option for heating water in your home.

4 Essential Things To Know About Your Hot Water Heater!

When was the last time you thought about your hot water heater?



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Was it when you had no hot water?

Most homeowners think about major appliances, such as hot water heaters, when there is an issue. And this is perfectly understandable.

Home appliances are typically out of sight and out of mind. Hot water heaters are generally out of the way in the basement.

As long as you have hot water when you need it, why bother inspecting or servicing the hot water heater?

check your hot water heater

Well, there is a great reason to check your hot water heater.

Money.

If something goes wrong, then no hot water could be the least of your problems because water damage can be pretty expensive.

As one of Connecticut's leading plumbing companies, we help thousands of homeowners with routine and emergency service calls related to water damage. Every year, we see thousands of dollars worth of damages due to faulty heaters. These are damages that could have been prevented with some preventative maintenance.

In fact, the Allstate Insurance Company produced a report that summed up the dangers of water damage and concluded that

“water heater failures are one of the three most preventable sources of water damage in your home.”



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Why?

The average residential heater contains 40-50 gallons of water and is pressurized, when the tanks rupture they can cause massive damage to your home.

While annual maintenance, including comprehensive review of your plumbing system and water heater, cannot guarantee damage to your home, they can dramatically reduce it as well as offer a action plan to avoid such catastrophes.

We recommend that only the more advanced do-it-yourselfers try to perform water heater maintenance.

To help our fellow homeowners, here are some of the benefits of routine maintenance to act as a Water Heater 101 guide to help perform water heater troubleshooting and inspection.

1. Flush The Tank

Sediment or “scale” is created when hard water is heated. The sediment builds up at the bottom of your hot water heater tank.

This is NOT GOOD because it:

Decreases Your Heater’s Efficiency.

Gas heaters have burners at the bottom of the tank (and electric heaters have elements at the bottom of the tank). The tank contains sediment, which acts as an insulator between the water and the heating source.

This process results in longer run times to properly heat and therefore, more money. The extended run times also create premature failure on the mechanical parts of the heater.



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Accelerates Damage To The Tank.

Accumulation of scale at the bottom of the tank becomes an insulator. This causes longer run times for your burners or elements, which results in excessive heat at the bottom of the tank.

The excessive heat burns off the protective glass liner causing the tank to rust and possibly rupture at a quicker pace. It also can cover the bottom element of electric heaters causing it to short out.

Your Plumbing System Flushes The Sediment.

The sediment gets distributed throughout your plumbing system clogging aerators, supply lines and contaminating your potable water throughout your entire home.

2. Inspect The Anode Rod

The anode rod or “sacrificial anode rod” is a magnesium or aluminum rod that is inside your tank.

The anode rod’s job is to protect the tank from rust and corrosion.

anode rod

Although most all homeowners have never heard of the anode rod, you would be surprised how many plumbers have never even inspected them. Worse, many plumbers don’t know what they do or how they work.

The rod screws into the top of your tank and should be inspected during a water heater flush. During inspection, keep in mind:

If there is more than 4-6" of bare wire and/or the anode rod is heavily corroded, then it should be replaced.



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If the anode rod is barely intact, the damages to your tank may be too great and replacing the heater may be a more viable option.

Keeping a good anode rod in place can extend the life of your tank by 50% or more. The above pictures of a corroded rod, with exposed wire, and a brand new rod to compare. As you can see the one on the left only has about an inch of exposed wire, but due to heavy corrosion we would recommend replacement.

3. Testing The Temperature & Pressure Relief Valve (T&P)

The pressure relief valve is a safety device.

The valve is located on the side or top of the tank and it ensures the water pressure and temperature stay at a safe operating level.

For reference, International Plumbing Code 504.5 requires no more than 210 degrees Fahrenheit and 150 PSI. If the tank temperatures and/or pressures are not monitored the tank can explode, ala the recent Allstate commercial.

While you may think that is a bit extreme, it can happen...just watch Mythbusters.

The valve should be tested annually as sediment build-up can corrode the valve seat, rendering the valve useless.

Tested water should flow out the valve freely when you pull up on the handle. When you release the handle the valve should close causing the water to stop flowing. Frequently, the corrosion and sediment build-up is so bad that they may continue to leak, which means replacement.

There are different installation scenarios as it relates to building codes, but it is best if the valve is connected to a pipe that runs to the outside of the home.



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4. Inspect the Expansion Tank

The expansion tank is a 2.5 gallon tank next to the hot water heater and is another safety device for your plumbing system.

When water is heated it expands (in a 40 gallon tank, water at 90F heated to 140F can expand by a ½ gallon). Plumbing systems are closed systems, which means water is only going in one direction. And when the water expands it needs to go somewhere!

The thermal expansion tank is a rubber bladder enclosed in a metal tank, the bladder takes on this extra water and when temps lower the expansion reverses, allowing the water back into the heater.

This rubber bladder can rupture causing the metal tank to pressurize with water making it useless. The tank should be pressurized with the air, close to the same PSI of the plumbing system.

(Of note, it is typically a good idea to replace this when installing a new water heater.)

As you can see, servicing your heater is as important as changing the oil in your car, and can be a little confusing for the average homeowner.

A full water heater flush and inspection is included in Solvit's annual Home Protection Plan. For the low cost of preventative maintenance, we recommend a licensed plumber to perform this for you!

Hot water heater inspection may seem like a winter activity, but we want hot water all year long! Don't be left in the cold and make sure your plumbing system is working properly.

Afterall, annual maintenance works like insurance and helps prevent larger expenses down the line.



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