

# Region X Energy Hints 2013

## Hot Water and Taps

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### Owner Tips: Week 1

#### Tip 1:



Insulate water heater pipes. Water will stay hotter longer. Keep the insulation 18" from the top of the water heater.

#### Tip 2:

If you never run out of hot water, the hot water thermostat may be too high. Set the thermostat between 110 and 120 degrees Fahrenheit (43C - 49C). Energy is saved and reduces the risk of scalding.



#### Tip 3:



Repair dripping hot water taps immediately. Try using the drip calculator:

<http://ga.water.usgs.gov/edu/sc4.html>

to find out just how much water a dripping faucet might be wasting each year. And remember, it's that much less water your hot water tank will have to heat!