

Commercial Water Heating Standards Are Changing.

Bradford White Is READY!

As part of an effort to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, the Department of Energy (DOE) is setting new standards for commercial water heaters. **Bradford White has got you covered** and currently has **Built to be the Best® commercial products** that meet the regulatory requirements, and we're actively developing **exciting new products** to meet future demand.

New DOE Commercial Standards (October 6, 2026)

Commercial Gas-Fired Storage	Must meet or exceed 95% thermal efficiency Must meet more stringent standby loss requirement
Commercial Gas Tankless / Hot Water Supply Boilers	Must meet or exceed 96% thermal efficiency
Residential-Duty Commercial Gas-Fired Storage	Increased UEF requirements will necessitate use of condensing technology

NOTE: Under the new DOE Commercial Standards, (effective 10/6/26), **Residential-duty commercial gas-fired storage models** (>75,000 BTU/hr to ≤105,000 BTU/hr) will be required to meet increased UEF requirements that will necessitate the use of condensing technology.

NOTE: Products manufactured before October 6, 2026 can still be sold even if they don't comply with the new requirements. Be sure to check your local building/plumbing codes to specific site requirements.

Bradford White is Already Prepared.

We currently have commercial water heating products available that are compliant with these new requirements, and we're expanding our high-efficiency commercial offerings. We'll keep you informed of the latest developments regarding these regulations and on our future product launches that meet the updated regulatory requirements.

Bradford White is Built to be the Best®

Regardless of industry changes, Bradford White commercial water heaters will always be designed, engineered, and built with quality for outstanding performance, efficiency, and durability to meet your needs.

QUESTIONS?

We're here to help you get ready for these changes.

For assistance, please contact your Sales Representative, Regional Sales Manager, or Director of Sales.

Compliant Products from Bradford White:

Commercial Gas-Fired Storage

- eF Series® Water Heaters

Commercial Gas Tankless/Hot Water Supply Boilers

- Infiniti® Tankless Water Heaters
- Brute® High Efficiency Volume Water Heaters

Commercial Electric Storage

Not impacted by DOE changes. All commercial electric products meet 2026 requirements.

... Plus NEW Products Coming Soon!



Residential Water Heating Standards Are Changing.

Bradford White Is READY!

As part of an effort to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, the Department of Energy (DOE) is setting new energy conservation standards for residential water heaters. Bradford White currently has **Built to be the Best[®] residential products** that meet these requirements, and we're actively developing **exciting new products** to meet future demand.

The gas tankless product category has been excluded from this rule and will be addressed by the DOE in a later rulemaking.

New DOE Residential Energy Conservation Standards (NAECA 4: May 6, 2029)

Residential Gas-Fired Water Heaters

Less Than or Equal to 55 Gallons

Damper, fan-assist or power vent may be needed
Products with standing pilots will likely go away

More Than 55 Gallons

($\leq 75,000$ BTU/hr) must still meet condensing requirements for NAECA 3

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Residential Electric Storage Water Heaters

Less Than or Equal to 35 Gallons

The following changes will take effect for Small and Very Small electric storage water heaters:

- **Small Electric Storage Water Heaters** (≥ 20 and ≤ 35 gallons of storage volume will have First Hour Rating (FHR) limitations and a maximum temperature setting of 135°F)
- **Very Small Electric Storage Water Heaters** (< 20 gallons in storage volume will have minimum Uniform Energy Factor (UEF) requirements and First Hour Rating (FHR) limitations)

More Than 35 Gallons

Will be required to be a heat pump water heater since this is the only technology that can meet the more stringent UEF requirements at this time

NOTE: Products manufactured before May 6, 2029 can still be sold even if they don't comply with the new requirements. Be sure to check your local building/plumbing codes to specific site requirements.

Bradford White is Already Prepared.

We currently have residential water heating products available that are compliant with the new energy conservation standards, and we're expanding our high-efficiency residential offerings. While these standards are still a few years away, we will keep you informed and help you meet these new regulations as they are further clarified.

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Compliant Products from Bradford White:

Residential Gas Storage

- Atmospheric Vent Fan Assist
- Damper Atmospheric Vent
- Power Vent and Power Direct Vent

Residential Electric Storage

- AeroTherm[®] Heat Pump Water Heaters
- Utility Models
- Electric storage* models: RE330S, RE230LN6, RE240L6, RE240LN6, and RE130L

* See electric storage water heater requirement

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