

Go Solar

Gas or gas-boosted solar hot water systems should be top of your list when you're choosing a new system.



Gas and solar system savings

Choose a gas hot water system with at least a 5-star energy efficiency rating to save 15% on running costs. A gas-boosted solar hot water system will double those savings. Check www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au for more detailed information on savings and status on rebates still available in some areas of Victoria.

Instantaneous versus storage systems

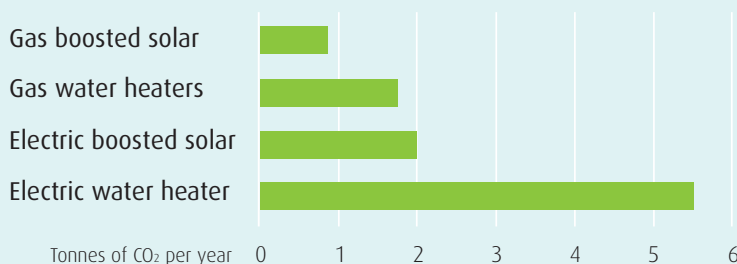
Instantaneous and continuous flow systems heat water as you need it and are better suited to smaller households and holiday homes. Storage systems suit large households as they heat and store large volumes of water.

Maximise efficiency of your new system

Once you've chosen your new system, taking a few simple measures at installation will maximise the system's efficiency and your savings.

- Install the system close to your hot water outlets so water doesn't have to travel far and lose heat along the way.
- Insulate the first few metres of piping with closed-cell pipes to reduce heat loss around your hot water system.
- When installing solar hot water systems in frost-prone areas, check the system has frost protection and that this is covered in the warranty.

Greenhouse gas emissions of different hot water systems



For more information on how to maximise the energy saving potential of your house in winter contact Sustainability Victoria on 1300 363 744 or log on to www.sustainability.vic.gov.au
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