

# WORKSHEET FOR CALCULATING MINIMUM HOT WATER REQUIREMENTS (Tank-type Water Heaters)

**1. CALCULATE TOTAL WATER REQUIRED BY ALL FIXTURES:**

**a. Three compartment sink calculation of water usage:**

1. Measure dimensions of each compartment. If compartments are not the dimensions, see note below.
2. Insert measurements into equation

$$\left( \frac{\text{Length}}{\text{Length}} \times \frac{\text{Width}}{\text{Width}} \times \frac{\text{Depth}}{\text{Depth}} \times 3 \times .375 \right) \div 231 = \frac{\text{Water Usage (gal)}}{\text{Water Usage (gal)}}$$

**Note:** If all the compartment sizes of the sink are not the same, then 3 is taken out of the equations, and the above calculation is done for each compartment. The volumes are added to obtain the total gallons per hour of hot water used in the sink.

**b. Utensil soak sink:**

1. Measure dimensions of sink
2. Insert measurements into equations

$$\left( \frac{\text{Length}}{\text{Length}} \times \frac{\text{Width}}{\text{Width}} \times \frac{\text{Depth}}{\text{Depth}} \times .375 \right) \div 231 = \frac{\text{Water Usage (gal)}}{\text{Water Usage (gal)}}$$

**c. Dishmachine and conveyor pre-rinse water usage:**

Use manufacturer's rating in gallons per hour

**d. Clothes washer water usage:**

Use manufacturer's rating, or 32 GPH for 9-12 pound washer, or 42 GPH for 16 pound washer

**e. Enter numbers calculated in a, b, c & d above into Table to Calculate Total Water Required by all Fixtures (pg 2).**

Use the gallon per hour rating for each type of fixture found in the table and the number of fixtures in the operation to determine maximum hourly usage for each type of fixture in the operation. Add the maximum hourly usage for each type of fixture to calculate total water (gph) required by all fixtures: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. CALCULATE MAXIMUM HOURLY HOT WATER USAGE:**

If gas water heater is used, go to Step a; if electric, Step b.

- a. Gas Water Heater:** If a gas water heater is to be used, calculate the maximum hourly water for the facility by adjusting the total water required by all fixtures by altitude. The altitude adjustment is 4% per 1000 feet of elevation, 20% at 5000 feet.

Use these equations to determine water usage for a gas water heater:

$$(.04 \times \frac{\text{elevation of facility}}{\text{elevation of facility}} \div 1000) + 1 = \frac{\text{adjustment factor}}{\text{adjustment factor}}$$

$$\frac{\text{adjustment factor}}{\text{adjustment factor}} \times \frac{\text{total water required}}{\text{total water required by all fixtures (calculated above)}} = \frac{\text{maximum hourly hot}}{\text{maximum hourly hot water usage}}$$

For example, if the total gallons per hour usage for an establishment at an elevation of 5000 feet is 100 GPH, the adjustment factor is 1.2, Therefore, a water heater with 120 GPH recovery rate would be required.

- b. Electric Water Heater:** If an electric water heater is to be used, the maximum hourly usage for the operation is the same as the total water required by all fixtures.

Use this value in the equation to calculate the minimum Kilowatt rating of the water heater.

- c.** Insert the value determined in step a or b above into Table 9 of the Plan Review form (if applicable). This value is the minimum recovery rate of the water heater which should be provided for the facility.

**3. CALCULATE THE MINIMUM BTU OR KILOWATT RATING OF WATER HEATER:**

- a. For a gas water heater, calculate the minimum BTU rating: insert the decimal equivalent of the water heater thermal efficiency rating into the equation below (if unknown use .75)

$$\left( \frac{\text{usage as calculated above}}{\text{maximum hourly}} \times 100 \times 8.33 \right) \div \frac{\text{thermal efficiency}}{\text{rating}} = \frac{\text{minimum BTU rating}}{\text{rating}}$$

- b. For an electric water heater, calculate the minimum Kilowatt rating:

$$\left( \frac{\text{usage as calculated above}}{\text{maximum hourly}} \times 100 \times 8.33 \right) \div 3412 = \frac{\text{minimum Kilowatt rating}}{\text{rating}}$$

- c. Select water heater based above BTU or Kilowatt rating.

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model : \_\_\_\_\_

BTU or Kilowatt rating: \_\_\_\_\_

Recovery Rate: \_\_\_\_\_ gallons per hour at 100° rise at sea level

**TABLE TO CALCULATE TOTAL WATER REQUIRED BY ALL FIXTURES**

Plumbing Fixture	Water Usage	Number of Fixtures	Maximum hourly water usage per type of fixture (gph)
example: dishmachine	50	1	50
example: handsinks	5	4	(5x4) = 20
3-compartment sink			
3-compartment-sink (bar)			
Utensils soak sink			
Dishmachine			
Dishmachine conveyor pre-rinse			
Clothes washer			
Hand operated pre-rinse sprayer	32		
Handsinks (including restrooms)	5		
Mop sink	7		
Garbage can washer	35		
Employee showers	14		
Hose bib used for cleaning	35		
Total water (gph) required by all fixtures			