Energy-Efficient Design of Low-Rise Residential Buildings

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FOREWORD

This addendum revises the current calculation procedures for domestic hot water heating. The revised calculation procedures were developed for 90.2 by ASHRAE Technical Committee (TC) 6.6, Service Water Heating, and include a method for estimating the average gallons per day of hot water consumption for living units, which is then used in calculating hot water energy consumption. In addition, the addendum adds Section 7.1.3, “Central Water Heating Equipment,” which was inadvertently deleted from ASHRAE 90.2-1993 after its first printing.

Although the proposed calculation procedures contain a note that they are not appropriate for nor intended for use for system sizing purposes, it is generally known that consumption on peak days will be considerably higher than the amount given by the equation. Consumption levels occurring over periods of 15 to 35 minutes typically drive required water heating system design. Consumption over a 5-minute interval can equal 25% to 75% of the average daily total, while consumption over a 15-minute interval can equal 35% to 125% of the average daily total. System design and sizing requirements are heavily influenced by the presence or absence of washing machines, bathtubs vs. showers, and spa-tubs vs. regular tubs, whereas average hot water consumption is influenced to a lesser degree by these devices, due to their intermittent use. The following are some example calculations of average gallons per day using the proposed procedures:

Example 1: Single-family detached residence having two bedrooms, a washing machine, and no spa tub.

\[ AGPD = [2.0 + 0 + 13.2] (1.0)(2) = 30.4 \text{ gallons/day} \]

Example 2: Single-family detached residence having two bedrooms, a washing machine, no spa tub, but known to have three residents.

\[ AGPD = [2.0 + 0 + 13.2] (3) = 45.6 \text{ gallons/day} \]

Example 3: Single-family detached residence having six bedrooms, a washing machine, and a spa tub.

\[ AGPD = [2.0 + 1.25 + 13.2] [(1.0)(4) + (0.5)(2)] = 82.25 \text{ gallons/day} \]

Example 4: Efficiency apartment with no washing machine hook-up, no spa tub, and unit has its own water heater.

\[ AGPD = [0 + 0 + 13.2] (1.25)(1) = 16.5 \text{ gallons/day} \]

Example 5: Luxury apartment with no washing machine hook-up, but with spa tub and six bedrooms, and unit has its own water heater.

\[ AGPD = [0 + 1.25 + 13.2] [(1.25)(4) + (0.5)(2)] = 86.7 \text{ gallons/day} \]

Example 6: Two-bedroom apartment with no washing machine, no spa tub, and central building water heating system with cost of water heating included in rent.

\[ AGPD = \text{Equation not applicable} \]

There is some evidence indicating that where water heating cost is included in the rent, hot water consumption is moderately to significantly higher than that indicated by Equation 8-11. However, insufficient data exist to produce predictive average hot water consumption equations for such situations.

References:


Unless otherwise noted, underlining indicates addition and strikethrough indicates deletion.

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7. SERVICE WATER HEATING

7.1.3 Central Water Heating Equipment. Service water heating equipment (central systems) that does not fall under the requirements of residential-type service water heating equipment addressed in Section 7 shall meet the applicable requirements for service water heating equipment found in ASHRAE Standard 90.1-1999.

8. ANNUAL ENERGY COST METHOD

8.9 Calculation Procedures for Domestic Hot Water Heating

8.9.1 General. Domestic hot water shall be assumed to be supplied to all living units. Both the proposed design and the prescriptive design shall use the domestic hot-water heating system designed for the proposed design application, which may include high-efficiency equipment, use of waste heat, off-peak storage, and renewable energy sources.

8.9.2 Domestic Hot Water Load. The total domestic hot water load used to calculate the annual energy consumption (AEC) shall be the same for the prescriptive design and the proposed design. It shall be determined using Equation 8-10.

\[ DHWL = \left( \frac{30 \times \text{Units}}{1 \text{Unit}} \right) \times 8.28 \times (135 - T_{\text{int}}) \times AGPD \]

where

- \( DHWL \) = domestic hot water load of the building living unit (Btu/day);
- \( \text{Units} \) = number of living units in the proposed design;
- \( \text{Bedrooms} \) = total number of bedrooms in all the living units in the proposed design;
- \( AGPD \) = average gallons per day of hot water consumption determined using the procedure described in Section 8.9.3.
\( T_{\text{inlet}} = \) inlet mean water temperature (°F), which may be assumed to be equal to the average annual outdoor dry-bulb air temperature for the location or 40°F, whichever is higher (see Section 9 for climatic data).

### 8.9.3 Determine Average Gallons Per Day

The average gallons per day of hot water consumption for living units to be used in calculating hot water energy consumption shall be estimated with Equation 8-11.

\[
AGPD = (CW + SPA + B) \times NP
\]  
(8-11)

where
\( AGPD = \) average gallons per day of hot water consumption
\( CW = 2.0 \text{ gal/day per person if a clothes washer is present in living unit, otherwise zero} \)
\( SPA = 1.25 \text{ gal/day per person additional hot water use if a “spa-tub” is present in living unit, otherwise zero} \)
\( B = 13.2 \text{ gal/day per person} \)
\( NP = \) number of people in living unit; if exact information is unknown, estimate as follows:
- (1.0)(NSR) for single-family detached and manufactured (mobile) homes with one to four sleeping rooms, plus (0.5)(NSR) for each sleeping room beyond four, or
- (1.25)(NSR) for multifamily buildings with one to four sleeping rooms per dwelling unit, plus (0.5)(NSR) for each sleeping room beyond four.

\( NSR = \) number of sleeping rooms

#### Notes:
1. Equation 8-11 is based on the assumption that each living unit has its own individual water heater and cooking and bathing facilities and that water heating costs are paid for directly by the living unit’s occupants, i.e., not included in rent.
2. For the purposes of Equation 8-11, the value for the number of sleeping rooms (NSR) has to be a number greater than zero per living unit.
3. Equation 8-11 is intended for use in estimating average energy consumption (AEC) only. It is not appropriate for, nor intended for use for, system sizing purposes.

### 8.9.4 Energy Consumption

The daily average electric energy consumption of electric water heaters shall be determined by Equation 8-11 if the equipment is listed in Table 7-1; otherwise Equation 8-13 shall be used. The daily average gas consumption of gas water heaters shall be determined by Equation 8-13 if the equipment is listed in Table 7-1; otherwise Equation 8-15 shall be used. The daily average energy use of domestic water heaters using other fuels shall be determined using appropriate conversion factors.

\[
DHW_E = (DHWL/0.98 + \text{Heaters}) \times (41,000/EF – 41,837)/3413
\]  
(8-11)

\[
DHW_G = (DHWL/E_r + \text{Heaters}) \times (41,000/EF – 41,000/E_r)/100,000
\]  
(8-13)

\[
DHW_E = (DHWL + 24 \times \text{Standby})/3413
\]  
(8-14)

\[
DHW_G = (DHWL + 24 \times \text{Standby})/(1.0 – \text{Flue}) \times 100,000
\]  
(8-15)

where
\( DHW_E = \) domestic hot water electricity use (kwh/day),
\( DHW_G = \) domestic hot water gas use (therms/day),
\( \text{Heaters} = \) number of water heaters in the proposed design,
\( EF = \) energy factor,
\( E_r = \) recovery efficiency (if \( E_r \) is unknown, use 0.76),
\( \text{Standby} = \) total hourly standby loss from all water heaters (Btu/h), and
\( \text{Flue} = \) flue losses (fraction).

#### 8.9.4.5 Hourly Domestic Hot Water Fraction

Where hourly hot water load is required, it shall be distributed over the day according to the profile in Table 8-4. The hourly hot water load is DHWL multiplied by the factor for the hour.
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Through its Handbook, appropriate chapters will contain up-to-date standards and design considerations as the material is systematically revised.

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The effects of the design and selection of equipment and systems will be considered within the scope of the system's intended use and expected misuse. The disposal of hazardous materials, if any, will also be considered.

ASHRAE's primary concern for environmental impact will be at the site where equipment within ASHRAE's scope operates. However, energy source selection and the possible environmental impact due to the energy source and energy transportation will be considered where possible. Recommendations concerning energy source selection should be made by its members.