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Jump Starting HPWH Installer Markets

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Winning Approaches!

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NEEA Overview

- Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) Nonprofit organization using market transformation to maximize energy efficiency and meet future energy needs
- Funded by:
 - » Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)
 - » Energy Trust of Oregon
 - » More than 100 Northwest utilities



- Covers Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington
- Energy efficiency is now the region's second largest power resource



Why HPWHs?

Reliable energy savings

93% customer satisfaction

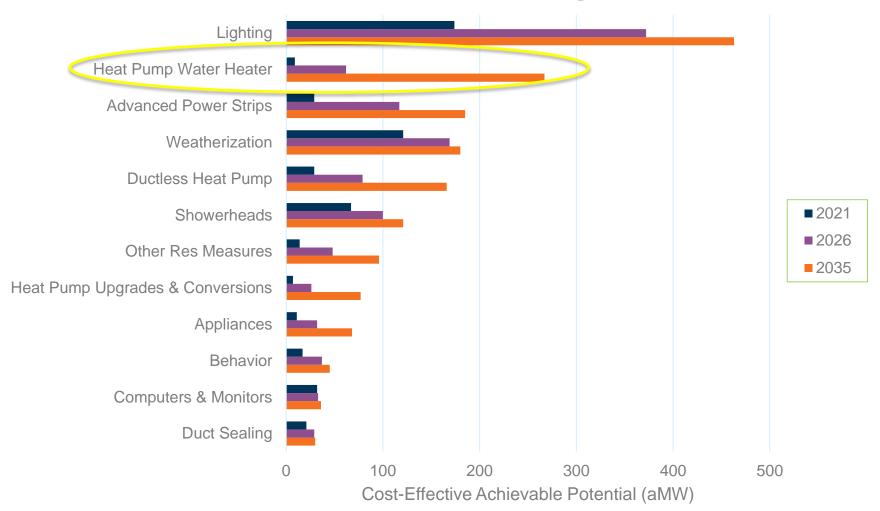
Over 100 qualified HPWHs





NW Measure Savings Potential

Residential Measure Categories



Northwest Accomplishments

- Nearly 20,000 incented units
- 78 NW HPWH utility programs
- Long-standing partnerships with water heater manufacturers
- Over 500 trained installers



Primary Market Barriers



Consumer familiarity



Engaged installer base



Upfront cost

Barrier: Engaged Installer Base*



*This is crucial



Emergency Replacements

Key insights

- 80-90% of water heaters sold are emergency replacements
- Installers typically do not offer HPWHs as natural replacement
- HPWH sales are 85% planned replacements (early adopters)

Key product influencers

- Contractors/plumbers
- Utilities
- Peers

Motivating tactics

- Existing reward programs
- Product champions
- Trust manufacturers rep and distributors



Emergency Replacements



 Customers look to installers to provide immediate guidance and solutions

Customers will wait max
 1-3 days to get a new
 water heater

 Few open to researching new technology in emergency situations



HPWH Pro Deal

- Activity: distribute
 HPWHs to installers to
 install and operate in their
 own home
- Goal: increase installer familiarity and comfort with HPWHs to increase sales and confidence in the technology's performance
- Timeframe: 2016 test



Pro Deal Selection Criteria

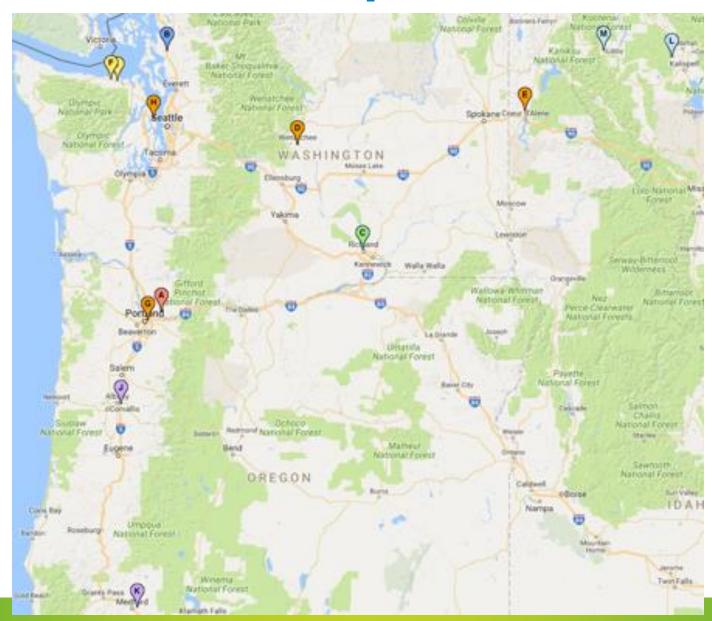
Participant selection considerations:

- Homeowner
- Electric water heat
- Rural/urban
- Utility and distributor referrals
- Interviews and data requirements





Pro Deal Participant Locations





Pro Deal: Ease of Installation

- "It was easy and simple to install. No complications."
- "[The installation] went off without a hitch".
- "It was 'gravy'. It was a simple remove and replace job."
- "I had a couple questions about ducting, but the installation of the tank went well. It's a perfect replacement for my electric tank."
- "Easy. It connected up pretty well."



Pro Deal: Performance Satisfaction

- Ten of the 13 participants were satisfied with their GeoSpring.
- "[The GeoSpring] looks good, works good. No leaks. What more can you ask for?"
- "The different operating modes are nice if you aren't going to be home for a while."
- "The energy rating alone is a good selling point as it is only a quarter of the kilowatt usage of my old Marathon water heater."





Pro Deal: Savings and Operation

- Energy savings Majority of participants noticed energy savings
- Quiet operation Many participants noted they were surprised by how quiet the HPWH was
- "My wife was concerned about noise, but that hasn't been an issue at all. The unit is located right under our office in the basement and we can't hear it."
- One installer had fears about noise. He was so surprised by how quiet the unit was after installation that he called customer service to make sure everything was okay.
- Installer mentioned unit noise is so minimal she can sleep with it placed on the opposite side of her bedroom wall



Pro Deal: Lessons Learned

- 75% of participants developed more positive perceptions about HPWHs
- 2 out of 13 companies reported increase in sales and reported sales ability strengthened

However...

 Positive perception did not always translate into increased sales

Pro Deal: Challenges

- Recruiting participants and completing interviews was more time-intensive and costly than anticipated
 - » Installers reported being extremely busy
 - » Once they received product they had little motivation to fulfill additional requirements
- Participation alone did not overcome barriers to increasing sales, including:
 - » Up-front cost
 - » Increased installation time and expense
 - » Convincing customers

Pro Deal: Final Thoughts





Installer Rewards Programs

- Activity: For every 5 units purchased by participating installers, they received a \$500 visa gift card
- Goal: Increase installer purchases HPWH products
- Timeframe: October December



HPWH 5 for 5







ENTER ANY FIVE (5) STATE
HEAT PUMP WATER HEATER CODES AND
EARN A \$500 VISA CARD!

Hot Water Solutions

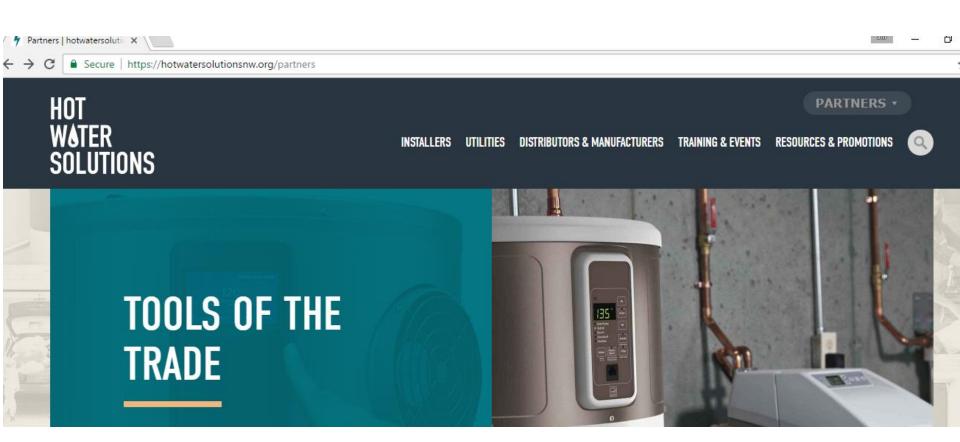


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Marketing Resources



STANDARD WATER HEATERS **CAN'T COMPARE**

YOUR STANDARD ELECTRIC WATER HEATER gives you hot water. Unfortunately, it also drains your wallet. Heat pump water heaters give you the same reliable hot water, but they can reduce your electric water-heating costs by up to 60%. It's like comparing apples to apples, except one of the apples is costing you a lot of money.

CUSTOMIZATION AREA

"We are very happy about the installation, product efficiency and energy savings. Every little bit helps."

-CHRISTOPHER, BEAVERTON, ORE.



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Other Resources

PUMP UP CUSTOMER SAVINGS

Save up to \$400 now on A. O. Smith Tier 3 Voltex® hybrid electric heat pump water heaters. They could reduce your customers' electric heating costs by up to 71% and save them an additional \$300 in federal tax credits.*

Contact your local A. O. Smith distributor for more information.



FEATURES

HIGH EFFICIENCY 4 OPERATING MODES **OUIET OPERATION** AIR DUCT ADAPTER KIT

GET UP TO \$400 OFF AT PARTICIPATING DISTRIBUTORS

VOLTEX HYBRID ELECTRIC HEAT PUMP WATER HEATERS

ENERGY STAR® QUALIFIED

Advanced Water Heater Specification Tier 3 Qualified

RELIABLE HOT WATER

Model Number	Gallon Capacity	Northern Climate Energy Factor	First Hour Rating (hybrid mode)	Height	Diameter	Shipping Weight (lbs.)	Warranty Term	Instant Discount
HPTU-50N	50	2.43	70	63"	22"	196	10	\$300
HPTU-66N	66	2.56	80	61"	27"	289	10	\$400
HPTU-80N	80	2.7	95	69"	27"	307	10	\$400

To learn more about the Northern Climate Energy Factor, reference the Advanced Water Heater Specification at neea.org/advancedwaterheaterspec.

UTILITY INCENTIVES FOR CUSTOMERS

In addition to manufacturer discounts and tax credits, your customers may qualify for utility incentives. Use the table on the back of this flyer as a quick reference for incentives on Tier 2 and above electric heat pump water heaters provided by utilities in your area. Incentive amounts and availability are subject to change; this information is current as of May 2016. Please contact the utility to verify availability, amount and requirements for incentive eligibility prior to installation.



UTILITY INCENTIVES FOR CUSTOMERS

Utility	Location	50–75 Gallon Tanks	75+ Gallon Tanks
City of Burley	Burley, ID	\$270	\$450
City of Rupert	Rupert, ID	\$270	\$450
City of Soda Springs	Soda Springs, ID	\$270	\$450
City of Weiser	Weiser, ID	\$270	\$450
East End Mutual Electric	Rupert, ID	\$270	\$450
Farmers Electric	Heyburn, ID	\$270	\$450
Idaho County Light & Power Cooperative Association, Inc.	Grangeville, ID	\$500	\$500
Idaho Falls Power	Idaho Falls, ID	\$250	\$450
Kootenai Electric Cooperative	Hayden, ID	\$300	\$500
Riverside Electric Company	Rupert, ID	\$270	\$450
Rocky Mountain Power	ID	\$550**	
Blachly-Lane County Cooperative Electric Association	Eugene, MT	\$300	\$500
Flathead Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Kalispell, MT	\$500	\$500
Ravalli County Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Corvallis, MT	\$300	\$300
Canby Utility	Canby, OR	\$300	\$500
Central Electric Cooperative	Redmond, OR	\$500	\$500
Central Lincoln PUD	Florence, OR	\$500	\$1,000
City of Ashland	Ashland, OR	\$300	\$500
City of Bandon	Bandon, OR	\$240	\$400
City of Cascade Locks	Cascade Locks, OR	\$300	\$500
City of Milton-Freewater	Milton-Freewater, OR	\$400	\$400
Clatskanie PUD	Clatskanie OR	\$500	\$500
Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Heppner, OR	\$300	\$500
Columbia River PUD	St. Helens, OR	\$500	\$500
Consumers Power, Inc.	Philomath, OR	\$500	\$500
Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Port Orford, OR	\$500	\$500
Douglas Electric Cooperative	Roseburg, OR	\$300	\$500
Emerald PUD	Eugene, OR	\$400	\$400
Eugene Water & Electric Board	Eugene, OR	\$300	\$300
Forest Grove Light & Power	Forest Grove, OR	\$500	\$500
Hermiston Energy Services	Hermiston, OR	\$300	\$300
Lane Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Eugene, OR	\$300	\$300
McMinnville Water & Light	McMinnville, OR	\$375	\$375

	Location	50–75 Gallon Tanks	75+ Gallon Tanks
Northern Wasco County People's Utility District	The Dalles, OR	\$500	\$500
Pacific Power Oregon***	Portland, OR	\$300**	5
Portland General Electric***	Portland, OR	\$300**	*
Salem Electric Cooperative	Salem, OR	\$120	\$120
Tillamook PUD	Tillamook, OR	\$300	\$500
Umatilla Electric Coop	Umatilla, OR	\$300	\$300
West Oregon Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Vernonia, OR	\$300	\$500
Benton PUD	Kennewick, WA	\$300	\$500
Benton REA	Prosser, WA	\$300	\$500
Chelan County PUD	Wenatchee, WA	\$500	\$500
City of Milton	Milton, WA	\$500	\$500
Clallam County PUD	Port Angeles, WA	\$500	\$500
Clark Public Utilities	Vancouver, WA	\$500	\$500
Columbia REA	Dayton, WA	\$500	\$500
Cowlitz PUD	Longview, WA	\$500	\$500
Franklin PUD	Pasco, WA	\$300	\$500
Grays Harbor PUD	Aberdeen, WA	\$500	\$500
Inland Power & Light	Spokane, WA	\$300	\$500
Jefferson County PUD	Port Townsend, WA	\$500	\$500
Klickitat PUD	Goldendale, WA	\$300	\$300
Lewis County PUD	Chehalis, WA	\$500	\$500
Mason County PUD No. 3	Shelton, WA	\$300	\$500
Orcas Power & Light Cooperative	Eastsound, WA	\$300	\$500
Pacific Power Washington	WA	\$600**	
Peninsula Light Co.	Gig Harbor, WA	\$500	\$500
Port Angeles Public Works and Utilities	Port Angeles, WA	\$500	\$500
Puget Sound Energy	Bellevue, WA	\$800	\$800
Seattle City Light	Seattle, WA	\$500	\$500
Skamania County PUD #1	Carson, WA	\$300	\$500
Snohomish County PUD	Everett, WA	\$500	\$500
Steilacoom Public Works	Steilacoom, WA	\$500	\$500
Vera Water & Power	Veradale, WA	\$300	\$500



^{*}Based on a national electricity rate average of \$0.12 per kWh. State and federal tax credits available. Learn more at dsireusa.org.

^{**}Limited to tanks 55 gallons or less ***Incentives provided by Energy Trust of Oregon

HPWH Educational Video



Thank You.