There is a big yellow EnergyGuide label on every Rheem-Ruud residential water heater sold. Here is how to read the label and do some comparison-shopping.

Look for the first hour rating here. The FHR includes storage plus recovery. It does not mean the hot water will last for 60 minutes.

Range of energy consumption based on FHR rating. Use to compare energy consumption of like appliances.

Manufacturers’ model number this label applies to.

Estimated annual energy consumption.

Estimated annual energy costs using national average fuel costs.

The Energy Guide label gives you three important pieces of information you can use to compare different brands and models when shopping for a new water heater:

1. How much hot water you will get from this model of water heater.

2. Estimated energy consumption on a scale showing a range for similar models

3. Estimated yearly operating cost based on the national average cost of electricity or gas.