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## BOWA Home Advisor

### What you need to know to improve and protect your home value

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#### QUESTION:

What are 'Unlimited Water Heaters'?

#### ANSWER:

'Unlimited Hot Water Heaters', otherwise known as Tankless Water Heaters, provide instantaneous hot water, BUT only when needed and without the use of a storage tank. Tankless water heaters have an electric, propane, or gas heating device that is activated by the flow of water. When the hot water tap is opened, water enters the heater. A water flow sensor detects the water flow and an internal computer automatically ignites the burner. As water circulates through the heat exchanger, it is instantly heated to the designated temperature, which takes roughly 5 seconds. When the hot water tap is turned off, the unit automatically shuts down. The maximum flow rate and temperature rise are determined by the capacity of the heater. But without a storage tank of water to keep heated all day, or a pilot light to keep lit, the unit (s) 'burns' energy only when hot water is needed.

Tankless water heaters are compact in size and can be installed in a variety of places depending on the application - under a sink or in a closet for point-of-use units, or in the utility room for whole house water heating. If you would like more information, please contact Doug Horgan, BOWA Customer Service Manager @703-928-6643.



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