

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TERMS & DEFINITIONS

TERMS	DEFINITION
AFUE	Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency is a measure of how efficiently your furnace can utilize its fuel.
BTU per hour	Heating capacity or heat rating of the unit is measured in BTU (British Thermal Units) per hour. The higher the heating capacity, the more heat output the unit provides. Heating capacity is generally tied to the amount of the space needing to be heated.
UEF	Uniform Energy Factor provides a more consistent and accurate way to measure the energy efficiency performance in water heaters based on the amount of hot water produced per unit of fuel consumed over a typical day. The higher the UEF value is, the more efficient the water heater.
EF	Energy Factor is based on the amount of hot water produced per unit of fuel consumed over a typical day. The higher the EF value is, the more efficient the water heater. EF is an older measure of water heater overall efficiency that is being phased out due to new test methods for water heaters.
ENERGY STAR	ENERGY STAR is a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency voluntary program that helps businesses and individuals save money and protect the climate through superior energy efficiency. ENERGY STAR certification is the government-backed symbol for energy efficiency, providing simple, credible, and unbiased information that consumers and businesses can rely on to make well-informed decisions.

Check to make sure the equipment you're considering meets the rebate criteria for Washington Gas's Maryland Existing Home Program. See ENERGY STAR Product Finder at <https://www.energystar.gov/productfinder/> and AHRI Directory at <https://www.ahridirectory.org>.



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