



THE SHORES OF PORT CLINTON CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

Hot Water Heaters

There have been issues with the hot water heaters failing and causing water damage not only to the Unit the water heater is located in, but also to the Units below and adjacent to the broken water heater.

Tank hot water heaters generally last 8-10 years so the Board recommends you determine the age of your hot water heater by locating the manufacturer label, usually located on the top or side of the tank, and look for the serial number.

Here's how to decode the serial number:

- 1. Locate the label:** Find the manufacture's label, which may also contain installation or warranty information.
- 2. Identify the serial number:** The serial number is a series of letters and numbers that indicates when the water heater was manufactured.
- 3. Decode the date code:** The serial number will usually have a date code that reveals the month and year of manufacture. This code might be a letter representing the month (e.g., A=January, B=February) and then two numbers for the year.
- 4. Consult manufacturer resources:** If the serial number isn't clear, consult the manufacturer's website or resources for the specific decoding method.

Important Considerations:

Installation date: If you have an installation sticker, that will provide the date the water heater was installed, which can be a useful indicator of its age.

Average Lifespan: Tank water heaters generally last around 8-10 years, but this can vary depending on water quality, maintenance, and location.

Warranty: Check your water heater's warranty for more specific information about its expected lifespan.

If you need assistance in determining the age of your water heater, please contact Mel (Property Manager) at 419-734-7007 and he can help.

Port Clinton Plumbing has been at the Shores installing new water heaters, if you require a new one. Mel has their contact information.