

It's the worst-case scenario: You're getting ready to start your day, you turn on the shower, and there's no hot water. Before losing hope and contacting a professional, there are some quick and easy steps you can take to help restore water temperatures. Use the checklist below to see if you need to contact a Mattioni Plumbing, Heating & Cooling expert to inspect your [water heater](#) and fix your hot water troubles.

## CHECK THE THERMOSTAT SETTINGS

Your water heater has a thermostat that regulates water temperatures flowing through your home. When your water heater thermostat senses that water temperatures are dropping below the fixed heating point, it will respond to get water temperatures back up. Looking at your water heater's thermostat setting is a good place to start if you're hunting for the source of your hot water problem.

## CHECK THE CIRCUIT BREAKER

Water heaters are complex systems, so it's no surprise that a failure to produce hot water will require several inspections to find the right solution. For electrical water heaters, you can check to see if there are any tripped circuits by moving the switch to the off position to reset the system. You can also power off your system by unplugging it and inspecting the outlet to ensure that all fuses are working.

## CHECK THE PILOT LIGHT

When the pilot light goes out, expect that there will be no hot water. Inspecting your water heater's pilot light is a good indicator to find out what is happening with your water temperatures. Natural gas heaters produce a blue flame with yellow when working correctly. Propane heaters produce a mixture of blue and green flames. And new heaters are equipped with self-lighting pilot systems that maintain the flame, which means you don't have to worry about it. If there are no flames on your gas or propane water heaters, it will need to be relit.

## CHECK FOR LEAKS

Leaks are common reasons why you may be experiencing a loss of hot water in your home. Leaks signal additional problems that require the support of a technician. A loose valve or too much pressure in your water heater can affect the temperature, so if you're experiencing low water temperature and spot a leak, enlist the help of our certified technicians.

## FLUSH THE TANK

Flushing your tank is an important task to keep your water heater working optimally and efficiently. If your water heater is [gas-powered](#), it will require that you shut off the gas. If it is an [electric water heater](#), you will have to unplug it from its electrical source. You will need to then shut off the cold water supply to your water heater before using additional resources. Because flushing your system requires a specific set of instructions that can be complicated, we recommend that you hire a professional before attempting to do it yourself.

## CALL MATTIONI FOR HELP IF YOU STILL DON'T HAVE HOT WATER

Knowing when to call for help is important. At Mattioni, we provide water heater repairs and regular maintenance to keep your water running hot year-round. If you've found yourself at the bottom of this checklist with no hot water, give us a call and a professional water heater technician is guaranteed to diagnose the problem and provide the best option to resolve it with [same-day water heater repair services](#).

**Call Mattioni Plumbing, Heating & Cooling at [484-617-3619](#) to request water heater services!**