

# WATER HEATER: SOLAR

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## Solar Water Heater Tips

- Keep the area around the water heater clean and clear.
- Report any signs of leaks or corrosion to maintenance immediately.
- Know where the water shut off valves are in case of a leak.
- Do not attempt to adjust temperature. Enter a work order, and a maintenance technician will assist.

## Setting the Timer

- Next to your water heater, open the “Little Gray Box” and identify the circular dial.
- You’ll see a dial, a time hand, and four clips inside (two marked “On” and two marked “Off”).
- Gently pull the dial out and toward you.
- Rotate the dial clockwise to align the time hand with the current time.
- Note the number of clips on the dial. You should have four. If you are missing clips or if the clips appear to be “slipping” and gathered at the bottom of the dial, try to reset to the proper time and re-tighten so that the clips are tightly secured. Check again after a cycle to see if they have slipped again. If so, contact your Community Office for assistance.
- The “On” clips should be set at 0500 (5 AM) and 1800 (6 PM) and the “Off” clips should be set at 0700 (7 AM) and 2200 (10 PM). These settings maximize the sun during the day and also provide electric heating assistance as needed during typical hot water usage hours during the early morning and evenings after work/dinner. During the remainder of the day, the sun will heat your water without drawing from your electric power, thus saving energy.
- There is no need to adjust any dials or the switch on the front of your box. If you’re not getting adequate hot water during the times that are currently set, please contact your Community Office so we can reset it to match your family’s schedule and help save energy!
- If you experience a power outage, you must reset your timer inside the Little Gray Box.
- If your home has a digital timer, please contact Maintenance so they can reset it for you.

For more information go to: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqcF\\_YS4Rp8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqcF_YS4Rp8)