A Tip for the Week:

Extending Water Heater Tank Life.

- Flush or drain the tank at least once a year to remove sediment buildup. Hard water speeds up the accumulation of sediment. Use garden hose.
- 2. Replace [with care] the Anode Rod, the corrosion sacrificial item, once every three to six years or at 75% of original mass. Soft water speeds up the corrosion of the rod due to the sodium that replaced calcium & magnesium.
- 3. Exercise [test] the TPR [temperature/pressure relief] valve twice a year. Be careful of hot water & use a bucket or catch pan.

Typical life is 8-12 yrs. or possibly longer if maintained accordingly.

Note: Recommended to hire a qualified plumbing/appliance contractor for services.

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