

SOLAR HOT WATER Tapping into the sun!

November 8,

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Fee: \$85.00 (includes lunch, refreshments and snacks)

Maximum number of participants: 8 No technical skills required.

Hot water is something we use every day: for showers, doing dishes, doing laundry, cleaning...But making all that hot water is the second-largest power hog in your home (after home heating)...! And with fuel prices rising faster than your wallet can even hope to follow, this may be a good time to start thinking about alternatives. The solution: solar hot water. Free, convenient, proven, and relatively simple. A good solar hot water system pays for itself in 5-7 years, and every time energy prices go up again it pays for itself even faster. It also means that a lot less greenhouse gasses are getting released into the atmosphere.

Join us for a practical workshop on installing a basic solar hot water system. You'll see the components needed for a "closed loop system", be involved in putting the system together, find out about other designs, and learn about "make-your-own" and "off-the shelf" systems.

Workshop coordinator: Gaétan Ayotte

Gaétan is a veteran teacher with over 16 years of professional experience. For him, teaching is a process of giving power to others. He is also a person who attempts to put his principles into practice. His wife Karen and he have lived off grid in a modern efficient home for the last 13 years. Their home is powered by the sun and wind and their vehicle operates partly on bio-diesel. They also garden extensively for their food production. In this way, they have some measure of control over their energy usage and production. What Gaétan teaches, he attempts to live.