

# Recall Alert

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### CPSC and Gas-Fired Products Inc. Announce Recall of Water Heaters

**PRODUCT: Outdoor Gas Water Heaters** - Gas-Fired Products Inc., of Charlotte, N.C., is voluntarily recalling about 1300 Seahorse® and 25 "Bradford & White" Outdoor Gas-Powered Water Heaters. The Seahorse® brand had model numbers WH60-N1, WH60-N3, WH60-N5, WH60-L1, WH60-L3, WH60-L5, WHT60-N1, WHT60-N3, WHT60-N5, WHT60-L1, WHT60-L3, WHT60-L5. The "Bradford & White" brand had models HE-15N and HE-15X. The water heaters were sold nationwide by retailers and also by public gas companies in North Carolina and South Carolina between August 1992 and November 2000 for about \$900.

**PROBLEM:** Over time the heat exchanger could become blocked creating a potential ventilation and cracking problem, posing a fire hazard if nearby combustibles ignite.

**INCIDENTS/INJURIES:** CPSC and Gas-Fired Products Inc have received reports of 2 incidents involving minor property damage. No injuries have been reported.

**WHAT TO DO:** Consumers should stop using the water heaters immediately and contact the recall hotline toll-free at (800) 438-4936 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday to receive a free repair kit. Most consumers were sent direct mail notification of this recall.



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To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at [www.cpsc.gov/talk.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html). To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to [www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.asp](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.asp). Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).