

# **Wastewater Heat Recovery Systems Market Forecasts to 2034 – Global Analysis By Installation Location (In-Building Drain Systems, Municipal Sewer Network Systems, Wastewater Treatment Plant Systems, District Energy Integration Systems, Other Installation Locations), By Component, By Technology, By Application, By End User and By Geography**

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## **Abstracts**

According to Statistics MRC, the Global Wastewater Heat Recovery Systems Market is accounted for \$1.5 billion in 2026 and is expected to reach \$4.7 billion by 2034 growing at a CAGR of 15.3% during the forecast period. Wastewater Heat Recovery Systems capture thermal energy from wastewater streams generated in residential, commercial, or industrial facilities. These systems use heat exchangers and heat pumps to transfer thermal energy from wastewater to provide heating for buildings, water supply systems, or district heating networks. By recovering otherwise wasted energy, these technologies improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Wastewater heat recovery is increasingly used in sustainable building designs, urban infrastructure projects, and energy-efficient district systems. It contributes to resource optimization and supports the transition toward low-carbon energy systems.

### **Market Dynamics:**

#### **Driver:**

Increasing focus on energy efficiency solutions

Governments and industries are actively seeking technologies that can reduce energy

consumption and improve resource efficiency. Wastewater heat recovery systems capture thermal energy from wastewater streams and convert it into usable heat for buildings and industrial processes. These systems help reduce reliance on conventional heating systems and lower carbon emissions. Municipalities and commercial facilities are increasingly adopting such technologies as part of sustainability initiatives. As global energy efficiency policies strengthen, demand for wastewater heat recovery systems is expected to grow.

**Restraint:****Limited infrastructure compatibility challenges**

Many existing sewage and drainage networks were not originally designed to support heat recovery technologies. Retrofitting older infrastructure with heat exchange systems can be technically complex and costly. Installation may require modifications to pipelines, pumping stations, and heating systems. In some cases, limited space or system design constraints can hinder implementation. These infrastructure challenges can slow the adoption of wastewater heat recovery solutions.

**Opportunity:****Integration with smart building energy systems**

Smart buildings increasingly use digital technologies to optimize energy consumption and improve operational efficiency. Wastewater heat recovery systems can be integrated with these platforms to provide sustainable heating solutions. Real-time monitoring and automated control systems can improve system performance and energy savings. Building owners can also track energy usage and environmental impact through digital dashboards. As smart building adoption expands globally, the demand for integrated wastewater heat recovery technologies is expected to increase.

**Threat:****Competition from alternative renewable energy technologies**

Solutions such as solar thermal systems, geothermal heating, and heat pumps are widely used for sustainable heating applications. These alternatives may be easier to install or more familiar to building developers and energy planners. In some regions, renewable energy incentives favor other technologies over wastewater heat recovery.

Additionally, the relatively lower awareness of wastewater-based energy recovery solutions can affect market adoption. These factors may create competitive pressure within the sustainable heating technology sector.

### **Covid-19 Impact:**

The COVID-19 pandemic had a moderate impact on the wastewater heat recovery systems market. During the early phases of the pandemic, many infrastructure and construction projects experienced delays. Supply chain disruptions also affected the availability of equipment and system components. However, the pandemic increased attention on sustainable infrastructure and energy-efficient building technologies. Governments and industries began prioritizing green recovery programs and environmentally friendly solutions. As infrastructure projects resumed, investments in energy-efficient technologies including wastewater heat recovery systems increased.

The wastewater treatment plant systems segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The wastewater treatment plant systems segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period as treatment facilities handle large volumes of wastewater with significant thermal energy potential. Heat recovery systems installed in these plants can efficiently capture and reuse thermal energy. This recovered energy can be used for district heating, industrial processes, or building heating applications. Wastewater treatment plants also offer centralized infrastructure that supports large-scale heat recovery installations. Many municipalities are integrating heat recovery technologies into modern wastewater treatment facilities.

The real estate developers segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Over the forecast period, the real estate developers segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate due to increasing adoption of sustainable building practices. Developers are integrating energy-efficient systems into residential and commercial construction projects. Wastewater heat recovery technologies can provide renewable heating solutions for large buildings and residential complexes. These systems help developers meet green building certification requirements and environmental regulations. Additionally, energy-efficient infrastructure can enhance property value and reduce operating costs. As sustainable construction practices expand, demand from real estate developers is expected to increase rapidly.

**Region with largest share:**

During the forecast period, the North America region is expected to hold the largest market share owing to strong investments in sustainable infrastructure and energy-efficient technologies. The region has advanced wastewater treatment facilities and well-developed urban infrastructure. Many municipalities are exploring innovative ways to recover energy from wastewater systems. Government incentives and environmental policies also encourage the adoption of renewable heating technologies. Additionally, growing awareness of energy conservation supports the deployment of wastewater heat recovery solutions.

**Region with highest CAGR:**

Over the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR driven by rapid urbanization and increasing infrastructure development. Many countries in the region are expanding wastewater treatment facilities and urban utility systems. Governments are also promoting sustainable infrastructure and energy efficiency initiatives. Countries such as China, Japan, South Korea, and India are investing in modern water treatment and renewable energy technologies. The growing demand for efficient energy solutions in urban areas further supports market growth.

**Key players in the market**

Some of the key players in Wastewater Heat Recovery Systems Market include Danfoss A/S, Sharc Energy Systems, Viega GmbH, Huber SE, Alfa Laval AB, Kelvion Holding GmbH, Xylem Inc., Veolia Environnement S.A., Suez S.A., ENGIE S.A., Johnson Controls, Schneider Electric, ABB Ltd., Siemens AG, Bosch Thermotechnology, Armstrong Fluid Technology and NIBE Group.

**Key Developments:**

In September 2024, danfoss launched the DH4FREE research project in collaboration with Syddansk Universitet to develop control strategies for integrating supermarket refrigeration waste heat into district heating systems. The active project, which runs until August 2026, includes partners like DansSolar and SONFOR.

In April 2023, SHARC Energy entered into a strategic five-year partnership with Subterra Renewables to co-develop up to \$200 million in qualified thermal energy

projects across North America . The agreement combines SHARC's wastewater energy transfer technology with Subterra's geothermal expertise and Energy-as-a-Service model to deliver comprehensive heating and cooling solutions without upfront capital costs for clients.

#### Installation Locations Covered:

- In-Building Drain Systems
- Municipal Sewer Network Systems
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Systems
- District Energy Integration Systems
- Other Installation Locations

#### Components Covered:

- Heat Exchangers
- Heat Pumps
- Filtration & Debris Removal Units
- Thermal Storage Units
- Monitoring & Control Systems
- Other Components

#### Technologies Covered:

- Direct Heat Exchange
- Indirect Heat Exchange

Smart Energy Monitoring

AI-Based Energy Optimization

Other Technologies

Applications Covered:

Building Space Heating

Hot Water Generation

Industrial Process Heating

Renewable Energy Integration

Energy Efficiency Retrofits

Other Applications

End Users Covered:

Municipal Utilities

Real Estate Developers

Industrial Facilities

District Energy Providers

Other End Users

Regions Covered:

North America

United States

Canada

Mexico

## Europe

United Kingdom

Germany

France

Italy

Spain

Netherlands

Belgium

Sweden

Switzerland

Poland

Rest of Europe

## Asia Pacific

China

Japan

India

South Korea

Australia

Indonesia

Thailand

Malaysia

Singapore

Vietnam

Rest of Asia Pacific

South America

Brazil

Argentina

Colombia

Chile

Peru

Rest of South America

Rest of the World (RoW)

Middle East

Saudi Arabia

United Arab Emirates

Qatar

Israel

Rest of Middle East

Africa

South Africa

Egypt

Morocco

Rest of Africa

**What our report offers:**

- Market share assessments for the regional and country-level segments
- Strategic recommendations for the new entrants
- Covers Market data for the years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2030, 2032 and 2034
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