



Energy efficiency

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Coming clean on laundry savings

Laundry is often done on autopilot but making a few small changes to your habits could save you money.

Washing clothes in cold water, washing only when you have a full load and using your machine's features are all ways to reduce energy bills.

By washing in cold water instead of warm a typical family can save more than \$40 a year.

Automatic washing machines use the same energy for a full load as for a single item so wait until you have a full load before washing and adjust the washing cycle to match load size.

Take advantage of your machine's features such as soak cycles and suds-saver options that recycle water and lower energy costs.



When buying a washing machine, choose one with a high star rating and consider that front-loading machines use less energy. Also, ensure the machine has a cold wash option.

Clothes dryers use much more energy than washing machines - over 15 times more per cycle than a washing machine on cold wash.

If used often, clothes dryers can add hundreds of dollars to your bill, so use the clothesline and only use the dryer as a backup in wet weather.

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