

Laundry Tips for Saving Energy

- Maximize your washer for energy efficiency. Newer washing machines tend to use half the amount of water than the older ones do.
- Place items in dryer for a short amount of time to get the wrinkles out, then hang to finish drying. This will also cut down on the amount of ironing that will need to be done
- Instead of using the dryer to dry clothes hang the clothes outside to dry or on drying racks. Sheets smell so good when dried outside.
- Dry the fullest load possible and make sure the lint trap is regularly cleaned for maximum heating. By not cleaning the lint screen, it requires 30% more electricity to dry the clothes.
- Don't iron if you don't need to; hang clothes immediately after washing for static free and wrinkle free results.
- Head to the Laundromat, commercial washers and dryers tend to be more efficient than the domestic versions.
- Use hot water for the loads of clothes that are really dirty. For all other loads, use cold water.
- Use cold water during the rinse cycle.
- Drying one load of clothes right after another allows the dryer to stay hotter longer and reduces the time it takes for a cycle to become dry.
- Do not overload the dryer, it will require too much energy and it is not good to over work the dryer.
- Reuse fabric softener sheets as long as they have fragrance to them.
- Wear sweaters and pants more than once to cut back on the amount of washing that will need to be done.

