



# SAVE ENERGY

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN THE KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY ROOM

*Did you know that the biggest cost of washing clothes comes from the energy required to heat the water? Here are some things to consider when it comes to the important appliances that wash our clothes ...*

### Washing Clothes

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- Unlike dishwashers, clothes washers don't require a minimum temperature for optimum cleaning. Therefore, to reduce energy costs, you can use either cold or warm water for most laundry loads. Cold water is always sufficient for rinsing.
- Inefficient clothes washers can cost three times as much to operate as energy-efficient ones.
- Select a new machine that allows you to adjust the water temperature and levels for different loads.
- Efficient clothes washers spin-dry your clothes more effectively too, saving energy when drying as well.
- Also, front-loading machines use less water and, consequently, less energy than top loaders.
- Small-capacity clothes washers often have better EnergyGuide label ratings. However, a reduced capacity might increase the number of loads you need to run, which could increase your energy costs.

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