

SAVE ENERGY

ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN THE KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY ROOM

Did you know that the biggest cost of washing dishes 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 dishes...

Washing Dishes

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- The assumption is that washing dishes by hand saves hot water. However, if you do this several times a day, it can actually use much more water than if you simply use an energy-efficient dishwasher. Use it on its most efficient settings and only operate it with full loads. This will consume less energy. Plus, it's less work for you!
- Although compact capacity dishwashers may appear to be more energy efficient, they hold fewer dishes, which may force you to use it more frequently. In this case, your energy costs could be higher than with a standard-capacity dishwasher.
- One feature that makes a dishwasher more energy efficient is a booster heater. A booster heater increases the temperature of the water entering the dishwasher to the 140°F recommended for cleaning.
- Another dishwasher feature that reduces hot water use is the availability of cycle selections. Shorter cycles require less water, thereby reducing energy costs.

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