

# SUDS UP SOME SAVINGS

Save energy and water when doing laundry

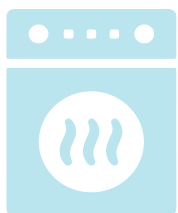


## Wash Smart

**Wash your laundry in cold water.** Heating water consumes about 90 percent of the energy needed to operate a washing machine. Switching to the cold cycle can cut energy use by more than half, which leads to costs savings.

**Wash full loads when possible.** Your washing machine will use the same amount of energy no matter the size of the clothes load, so fill it up if you can.

**Keep the door open between loads.** Front-loading washers use airtight seals to prevent water from leaking while the machine is in use. When the machine is not in use, this seal can trap moisture in the machine and lead to mold.



## Dry Smart

**Clear the lint filter after each cycle.** The dryer will run more efficiently and safely. If you use dryer sheets, scrub the filter once a month with a toothbrush to remove film buildup that can reduce air circulation.

**Air dry your clothes outside.** Where and when possible, air-drying clothes instead of using a dryer not only saves energy, but also helps them last longer.

**Dry multiple loads back-to-back.** This will allow you to use the remaining heat inside of the dryer for the next cycle.

**Keep 'em separated!** Dry heavy items separately. You'll spend less time drying the lighter-weight clothes, reducing your energy use.



**Did you know? Using the high-speed spin cycle option helps remove remaining moisture in your clothes, reducing drying time and energy consumption.**



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