



TIPS FOR SAVING HOT WATER AT HOME

Energy and water are connected. Water heating accounts for 20% of the average home's energy use. Heating water for showering, bathing, shaving, cooking and cleaning requires a considerable amount of energy. The good news is - there are energy-efficient solutions to help you spend less on hot water for the bath, kitchen and laundry room.



BATHROOM

- ✓ Shortening your shower by a minute or more can help your household save a thousand gallons of water and energy each year!
- ✓ Turn off the faucet in between uses when doing tasks like brushing your teeth or soaping up in the shower.



KITCHEN

- ✓ Dishwashers use a fraction of the water and energy compared to hand washing. If you have a dishwasher, choose to run full loads instead of handwashing dishes to save water and energy.
- ✓ No dishwasher? Try soaking and using multiple basins rather than running the water continuously.



LAUNDRY ROOM

- ✓ Choose the cold water cycle to cut each load's energy use in half.
- ✓ Dry multiple loads back-to-back to take advantage of the remaining heat in the dryer.



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