

In September

TASK OF THE MONTH

Reduce the impact of doing laundry

Wash in cold water, never warm* and rarely in hot

*Warm water doesn't clean clothes any better than cold.

- Presoak heavily-soiled clothes.
- Wash greasy things in hot water.



Reduce plastic by using boxed powdered detergent.

Air dry year 'round!

Hanging clothes indoors in the winter improves comfort since heating dries your air. For tips see:

<https://tinyurl.com/332rh7jc>

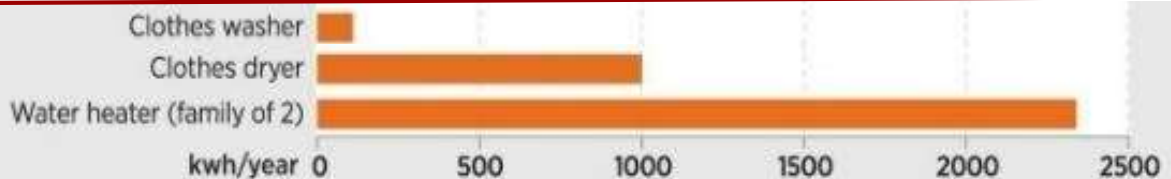


Dryers can take 5 lbs. of coal per load!

<https://www.eia.gov/tools/faqs/faq.php?id=667&t=2>



Clothes dryers are second only to water heaters in energy used in laundry, so **washing in cold water** and **hanging your clothes** to dry save energy and money. Touch up in a dryer when almost dry if needed.



Save on hot water

Check the temperature of your hot water. If it feels too hot straight from the tap, *turn it down* the recommended **120°F**.

Heating water can use as much energy as the rest of an average household's non-heating/cooling electric appliances combined, which could be 20% of a typical home's energy use.

Look for other ways to save:

- Brush food off dishes rather than rinsing dishes before putting them in the dishwasher.
- If you have a gas water heater that is located far from your faucet, heat water in a kettle for hand washing large pots, pans.



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