

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 first;
- Wash very greasy things in hot water;



Reduce plastic by using boxed powdered detergent;

Air dry year 'round!

Hang clothes indoors in the winter to improve comfort since heating dries your air;

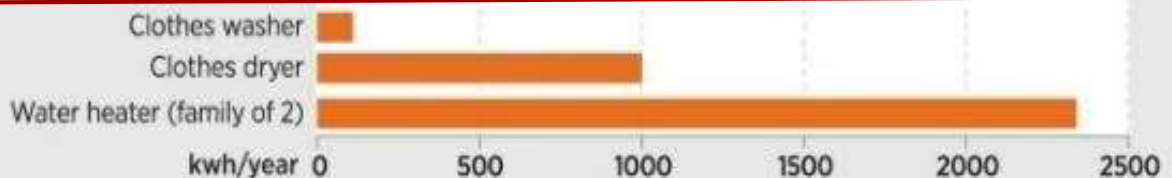


Dryers take ±5 lbs; of coal per load!

<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* to 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, or up to **18%**;

Saving on other water uses:

- Use a wet brush rather than rinsing dishes before putting them in the dishwasher;
- Wash your hands in cool water, especially if your water heater is located far from your faucet;



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