



# Saving money doing the laundry

Because of the amount of water used in washing clothes and the amount of energy that goes into drying them, there's a few ways you can bring down your energy usage and financial spend when doing the laundry.

If you have a big family, it probably seems like the washing machine is on all the time.

**So here are some tips to cut your energy use and shrink your bill – but not your clothes.**

- Always** put a full load in the machine, and try to do the week's laundry in one go
- Use the economy setting on your washing machine to save water and energy
- Don't dry clothes on radiators. It just makes your boiler work harder
- Keep your tumble dryer's fluff filter clean so heat can flow freely inside the drum
- Put eco-balls in your tumble dryer to spread your clothes so they dry more quickly
- Shrink your bills, not your clothes. 90% of a washing machine's energy expenditure is spent heating the water, so if you wash your clothes at 30-40°C you're saving a significant amount of money.
- Hang up your laundry. Air-dry your laundry rather than tumble-drying it, particularly if the weather is warm or windy.
- Save yourself ironing time. Take your clothes out of the dryer before they're completely dry - they'll iron much quicker and you'll use less energy on your drier.

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