

SOME CLOTHES WASHERS ARE SMARTER THAN OTHERS

SWITCH TO AN ENERGY STAR® CLOTHES WASHER TO SAVE ENERGY—AND YOUR CLOTHES WILL THANK YOU, TOO.

If you're in the market for a new clothes washer, why not go for the smartest one you can find: a clothes washer that will not only wash your clothes beautifully, but also save both water and energy.

A clothes washer that qualifies for the ENERGY STAR label meets or exceeds the Government of Canada's highest standards for energy efficiency. That means that these washers—while they may cost you a little bit more at the store—can more than make up the difference through energy savings in just a few years.

THE ENERGY STAR ADVANTAGE

You'll find both front-loading and top-loading clothes washers with the ENERGY STAR label at your local appliance store.

DOUBLE THE EFFICIENCY

Both are up to twice as energy-efficient as standard models—which means they wash twice the amount of clothes using the same amount of energy.

WITH LESS WATER

Both also use up to 50 per cent less water than non-ENERGY STAR, top-loading models. If you're paying for municipal water, that means big savings on your water bills.

YOU'LL ALSO SAVE ON DRYING

To qualify for the ENERGY STAR label, clothes washers must have a Modified Energy Factor (MEF) of 1.72 or greater and a Water Factor (WF) of 8.0 or lower.

A high MEF/low WF means that your washer is able to remove a lot of the moisture from your clothes before they go into the dryer. Less moisture means less time in the dryer—and even more energy savings.



TOP-LOADING BENEFITS

Front-loaders do, however, offer several additional benefits over top-loaders. Because they flip or spin clothes through a small amount of water instead of rubbing clothes against an agitator in a full tub, you will:

DO FEWER LOADS

Front-loading washers don't have bulky agitators, which frees up space for more clothes—and that means fewer loads of laundry.

NEED LESS DETERGENT

Because they use less water, front-loaders also need only about one-third of the detergent you're used to using with your old top-loader, so you'll spend less at the store.

HAVE HAPPIER CLOTHES

Instead of twisting and pulling your clothes, front-loading washers tumble your clothes gently, even delicate items that you would normally hand-wash. Your clothes will look better and last longer.

MORE WAYS TO SAVE

Once you've bought a new ENERGY STAR clothes washer (or even if you decide to make do with your old washer for a while), here are three more easy ways to save:

RUN FULL LOADS

Clothes washers use virtually the same amount of energy for small loads as large loads, so run full loads whenever possible.

WASH IN COLD WATER

Heating the water for a hot water wash consumes about 90 per cent of the energy it takes to operate a clothes washer. Washing your clothes in cold water will generally do just as good a job—and will cut your energy by more than half.

USE A DRYING RACK OR HANG CLOTHES OUTSIDE

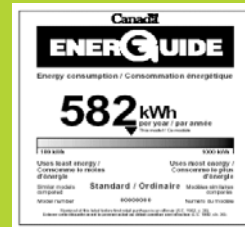
Air-drying your clothes instead of throwing them in the dryer will save energy and help your clothes last longer.

READ THE ENERGUIDE LABEL

When you see the ENERGY STAR label on an appliance, you know it's energy-efficient. But there are still differences between energy-efficient appliances.

To make sure you are getting the most energy efficiency for your dollar, always read the appliance's EnerGuide label. This label will tell you how much energy the appliance will consume over a year under average conditions, and how that energy consumption measures up against other appliances of the same size and with the same features.

By comparing the EnerGuide labels on different models, you can tell which model conserves the most energy.



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