

# 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>

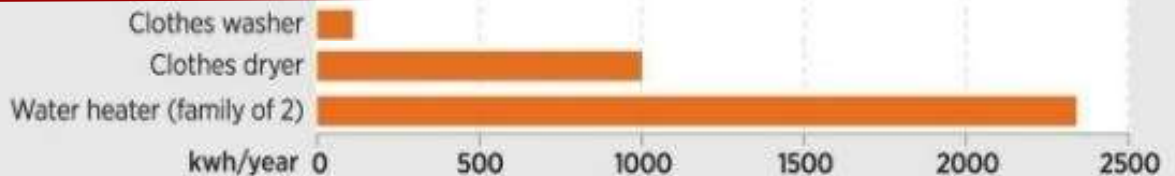


Dryers can take 5 lbs. of coal per load!

<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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