

# Green Laundry



*There are many ways you can minimise the environmental impact of your laundry by implementing energy and water conservation practices that will also save you money.*



## Why this is important

- Australia is one of the driest countries in the world, so every drop counts.
- Approximately 90% of the energy consumed by a washing machine is used to heat the water, which can be saved by choosing cold water instead.
- Clothes dryers are generally the second highest energy users in the home, after the fridge.
- Biodegradable and phosphate-free detergents are healthier for the environment.



## What you can do

- Only do your washing when you have a full load.
- Use cold water for washing when possible.
- Hang washing out on washing lines, rather than using the clothes dryer.
- Clean the lint trap before using the dryer, as it makes the dryer more efficient.
- Purchase environmentally friendly washing detergents.
- Limit the use of water softeners.

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