



## GREEN TIPS

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\* Did you know that typical electric clothes washers and dryers generate five pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> per cycle? Think twice whether after just one wearing our clothes need to be washed or dry cleaned. Perhaps a quick ironing to remove wrinkles or a spot remover might do the trick.

\* Hot water uses 90% of the energy to power a washing machine. Clothes washed in cold water get just as clean, and you'll save two pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> per load.

\* Newer front-loading washing machines use half the amount of water and thus save more energy. The faster spin cycles remove more water, reducing the energy needed to dry them.

### CO<sub>2</sub> REDUCTION ACTION

- \* Wear clothes until they are actually dirty, and hang them up to air out after each wearing.
- \* Touch up creases with an iron or use a wet cloth and a drop of liquid soap for spot removal
- \* It's more energy efficient to run full loads in cold water instead of warm or hot water
- \* Use a clothesline instead of a dryer when weather permits
- \* Separate loads for fast and slow drying clothes and use moisture or automatic settings rather than the timer.

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