



# Energy Saving Tips Water, Washing Up, Washing Machines and Tumble Dryers.

If you are not filling up the washing machine, tumble dryer or dishwasher, use half load or economy programs.

Try not to wash clothes on a setting above 40°C. A wash at 60°C uses 30% more energy as 90% of the energy used by a washing machine is used in heating the water. For most washes 30°C will do a good job.

Don't put really wet clothes into a tumble dryer; wring them out or spin-dry them first.

A dripping hot water tap wastes energy and water, fixing the leak is a very good way to be more efficient. One drip per second can add up to 165 gallons a month - that's more than one person uses in two weeks.

Always put the plug in your basin or sink. Leaving hot water taps running with it removed is like pouring money down the plughole.

Clean the lint screen on the tumble dryer every time you use the machine.

Hang the washing out to dry instead of tumble drying.

If using a tumble drier dry one load of clothes immediately after another to utilise the build up of heat in the machine.

Don't bother pre-rinsing dishes with the idea that your dishwasher will work less hard.

Turn off the water while you are brushing your teeth.

Whilst you may not have a water meter fitted so you are not charged for the additional water, the purification of water takes a large amount of energy. Whilst you won't necessarily see the cost benefit you will be saving energy.

**If you are buying a new washing machine, dishwasher or tumble drier – look at the [sust-it.net](http://www.sust-it.net) website (www.sust-it.net). They have a very useful online database for selecting the most energy efficient appliances.**