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Is Your Laundry Room Costing You Money?

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Summary:

If you want to lower your energy bills, you can start in the laundry room. These tips will help.

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Article Body:

The price of energy is going up all the time, and you're probably looking for ways to save on

Now, you can save all sorts of money if you're willing to stop washing your clothes, but I'm going to

1. Avoid washers and dryers with lots of fancy features.

If you're shopping for a new washer and dryer, stick to the basics. More expensive machines may

2. Use cold water.

A hot water load uses four times as much energy as a cold water load. You may want to do your

3. Don't use "warm-rinse" cycles.

Many of the washers on the market today feature warm-rinse cycles. According to experts (yes,

4. Nice day? Dry your clothes outside.

Hanging a clothesline between two trees won't cost you anything beyond the initial investment

5. Clean the lint trap.

Assuming suggestion #4 didn't fly for you, and you're sticking to your dryer, at least make sure

6. Don't use the maximum dryer setting.

Unless you're doing a load of towels or other hard-to-dry items, don't use the dryer's maximum

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