

Washers & dryers

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Save energy, water and money



Washers



Dryers



Save up to 25% on washing machines & 15% on dryers. Buy a washing machine with at least 3.5 stars & a dryer with at least 2 stars.

Every extra star can save you 25% off the running costs of your washing machine and 15% of your dryer. A 5 star water rating can save up to 21,000 litres of water a year and money on your water bills. Use the star rating labels to save energy and water.

Compare star ratings

The more stars, the more energy and water you will save. Compare models with the same star rating by using the numbers on the energy and water efficiency rating labels.

Buy to save in the long run

Buy a washing machine with at least a 3.5 star energy rating and 4 star water rating.

- ▶ Front loaders use about half the water of top loaders.
- ▶ Look for models with load sensing technology.
- ▶ Choose a washing machine with both hot and cold water connections.
- ▶ Using hot water from your hot water system rather than heating water in your washing machine is more cost effective if you have gas, off peak electric or solar water heater.
- ▶ Front loaders can have slightly higher electricity use than top loaders because their cycle times are often longer.

Buy a dryer with at least 2 stars.

- ▶ Look for models with auto sensors that avoid over-drying.
- ▶ Install a venting kit to expel moist air directly outside.
- ▶ Heat pump and gas dryers are available and much less expensive to operate.

More information

Ask your retailer, phone 1300 363 744 or visit www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/smarterchoice

Running costs

Washing Machines

- ▶ Switch to a cold wash every time and cut 80% to 90% of your running costs.
- ▶ Only wash when you have a full load.

Energy Rating	Warm		Cold	
	Top	Front	Top	Front
Small 5 kg				
★	\$169.30	–	\$20.20	–
★★	–	\$102	–	\$26.30
Medium 7 kg				
★★	\$203	–	\$16.90	–
★★★★	–	\$74.20	–	\$23.30
Large 8.5 kg				
★★	\$243.40	–	\$27.30	–
★★★★	–	\$94.10	–	\$35.50

Approximate per annum. Based on using washing machine 7 times per week, electricity tariff 28 c/kWh & gas tariff 1.7 c/MJ Connection to cold water only or peak electric water heater.

Clothes dryers

Most clothes dryers have a low star rating of 2 stars or less but more efficient heat pump and gas dryers are now available.

Type	Energy Rating	Annual Cost*
Small 4 kg		
Standard electric	★★	\$82
Heat pump	★★★★★★	\$34
Gas	–	\$24
Large 6 kg		
Standard electric	★★	\$123
Heat pump	★★★★★★	\$50
Gas	–	\$36

* Average use in Victoria is around 78 times per year or 1.5 times per week. Energy costs are based on an average electricity tariff of 28 c/kWh and an average natural gas tariff of 1.7 c/MJ.