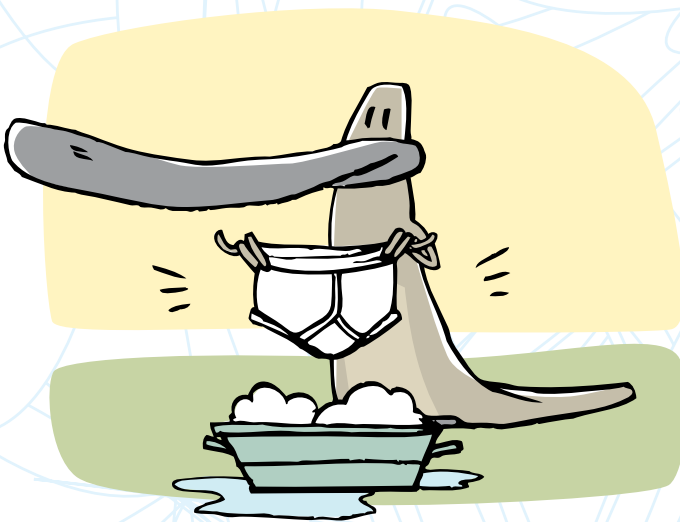


## WaterWise in the Laundry

*The laundry is a large consumer of water in the home. Automatic washing machines reduce the time required to do the washing, but can use excessive amounts of water.*



**Tip for the laundry:** Front loading washing machines are much more water-efficient than top loading machines. Top loaders use up to 60 per cent more water.

### Select the right washing machine

The majority of washing machines today are automatic and can be categorised into:

- top loading washers
- front loading washers

Top loading washing machines generally cost less to purchase than the front loading machine but they cost more to run.

On average, top loaders use up to 60 per cent more water, 50 per cent more detergent and 40 per cent more electricity.

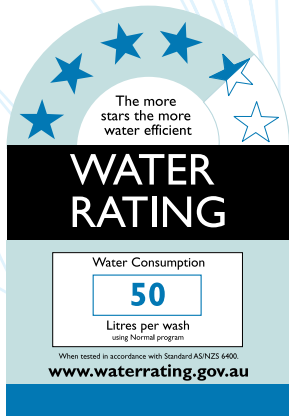
### What to look for

When purchasing a washing machine select one with a high water-efficient star rating (four stars or more) and a load capacity that best suits your requirements.

### Change your habits

- The water level in the machine should be set to suit the particular washing load. Most machines have water level adjustment
- Delay washing until you have a full load
- Choose washing machines with a high water efficiency rating – the more stars, the more efficient the appliance

## factsheet



The National Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Scheme rates the efficiency of washing machines from zero to six stars. The more stars, the more efficient the appliance, so “reach for the stars.”

### Hot water

There are a number of ways to save hot water. This will ensure you save on your energy bills as well as your water bills.

**Tip:** *When adjusting for warm water from taps, always turn the hot water down rather than the cold water up.*

### Change your habits

- ▶ Check your hot water system regularly for drips and leaks, particularly from the overflow pipe
- ▶ Instead of wasting the initial burst of cold water before hot water comes through the pipes, collect it in a jug and use it for watering plants

### Equipment

- ▶ Set your thermostat at 60 degrees Celsius. Higher temperatures waste energy because you need more cold water to balance the heat
- ▶ Select the right sized water heater for your needs and locate it as close as possible to the water outlets. This saves the amount of water used before hot water flows from the tap

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### More information:

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