

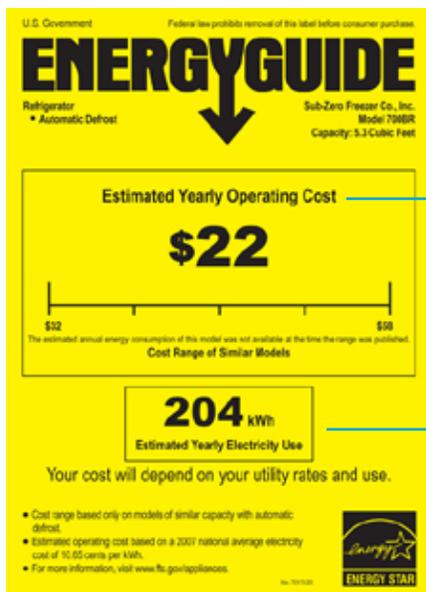
Home Money Saver Clothes Washer Buyer's Guide



When shopping for a clothes washer, make sure it is a rebate-qualifying ENERGY STAR® Most Efficient 2015 or 2016 model. Look for energy- and water-saving features like advanced controls (water temperature, load size, pre-soak cycles, etc.) and faster spin speeds.

Look for the label

Most clothes washers must meet specific energy standards as outlined by the U.S. Department of Energy. Energy usage and efficiency are displayed on the yellow EnergyGuide labels. Visit the [Federal Trade Commission \(FTC\) website](#) to learn more about the EnergyGuide label.



The EnergyGuide sticker displayed is for illustrative purposes only. Actual stickers and values may vary.

Estimated yearly operating costs are shown for similar models, based on the national average rate for electricity. Look for models with the lowest operating costs.

Estimated annual energy consumption is based on typical use. Multiply this by your local rate to get an estimate of your actual operating cost.

Go to the front

In general, front loading (horizontal-axis) clothes washers are much more efficient than conventional vertical-axis (usually top-loading) machines with agitators. This is because front-loading machines do not have to completely fill the tub with water.

Seek control

Clothes washers with advanced controls can either sense load size and adjust water levels, or have various wash, rinse and presoak cycles that you can set for more precise energy management.

Embrace spinning

Spinning moisture out of your clothes is much more efficient than drying them with heat. Improved spin speeds on new clothes washers allow you to either air-dry or use the dryer less, which saves energy and extends the life of your clothes.

Size matters

Try to size the new clothes washer to fit your needs for the next seven to 10 years. Washing many loads in a model too small for your needs consumes more energy than washing fewer loads in a larger model. If you have a small model and occasionally need large capacity for comforters and bulky items, consider using a local laundromat.



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Check your specs

When shopping for a new clothes washer, bring along measurements of your laundry room space, doorways and any other nearby appliances (such as a dryer) to ensure that your new machine will fit the space. Also consider noise levels. If you are installing machines close to sleeping areas or in an upstairs setting, look for units with vibration-reduction technology or with suspension.

More ways to get smart about clothes washers

WaterSense

For laundry and cleaning, saving water is as important as saving electricity. Learn what you can do to make smart choices about the products you buy and the ways you use water in your home. For more information, visit the [WaterSense website](#).

EnergyGuide

When shopping for new appliances, make sure to look for the EnergyGuide label. It tells how much energy an appliance uses and makes it easier to compare the energy use of similar models. Visit the [EnergyGuide website](#) to find out how to use the label as you shop.

Places to buy

To find out which models qualify for rebates and where to buy visit [marketplace.pge](#). Remember to apply for your rebate online, or ask a store associate for a rebate application.

Associated rebates

Water agency rebates

You may be eligible for a combined rebate of up to \$150 from PG&E and your local water agency. Visit the [Water Energy Savings website](#) to see if you qualify.

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