

COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE LAUNDRY

HOW TO SAVE ENERGY EASILY



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CLIMATE CRISIS? GET SET FOR CHANGE!

Heat waves, heavy snowfalls, floods and drought: our planet's climate is in a severe crisis. **The time to act is now!**

First of all: politics. Coal phase-out, nature-friendly expansion of renewable energies, renovation of buildings: Political actors can - and must - do a lot for our climate. They are the ones who set the frame for everyone's action, while we are required to contribute our share - each and everyone of us.

There's quite a lot you can do:

Never stop seeking new ways to make change happen, for instance by saving energy, because the best kilowatt-hours are those we do not spend at all - the same going for euros. With our tips and tricks, saving is as easy as 1-2-3.

**EVEN THE MOST
EFFICIENT WASHER
WILL MORPH INTO A
POWER GUZZLER,
IF OPERATED
WRONGLY!**




DON'T WAIT, ACT NOW!

Want to save energy doing your laundry? **Just follow our tips.**

SAY GOODBYE TO LAUNDRY PILES!


Reduce laundry amounts by ...



... **wearing an apron** while cooking or gardening

... **washing your clothes less often.** No need to change your T-shirt every day, is there.

Think twice before washing. Instead, you may simply **air your clothes.**



LOW TEMPERATURES

Heating the water is what consumes **most of the energy** needed for laundering. Simply **choose a lower temperature** and show you care for the planet, your wallet - and your clothes.




One 60-degree cycle guzzles the power of **nearly two 40-degree cycles!**

20 or 30 degrees will suffice to **get your laundry clean** unless overly dirty.

Pre-treat **stubborn stains** and **sweat marks** in fabrics with **gall-soap** or **washing soda** before laundering.



TIME SAVES MONEY



Eco-programs take longer to finish, but they launder at a lower temperature by design while providing equally good results. Which means you **save up to 50 percent of energy** and cost by using them.



Caution: Short programs are power and water guzzlers!

USE IT TO THE FULLEST



Do not hesitate to **wash different fabrics together:** laundry labels state the *maximum*, not the *ideal* temperature

Automatic load detection notwithstanding, your **washing machine** is most efficient if operated **at full load.**

CARE FOR YOUR WASHER

Use your **washing machine** as **long as possible**, thus reducing energy and raw materials needed for the manufacturing of new devices.



Always have your broken **machine repaired**, if possible.

Descal your machine regularly, if needed.

Once a month, do a **60-degree cycle** in order to **kill bacteria** and laundry germs in your washer.



SHARE OUR TIPS AND CARRY ON!

Easy as pie to follow our tips? Is there one you liked particularly? Tell your friends and family! Saving the climate is more fun together - and will show more impact.

Make a change and get involved. For more infos, visit **www.bund.net/mitmachen**.

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