

Choosing a
high-efficiency
and **water-wise**
clothes washer for
your home



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Q & A about high-efficiency clothes washers:



How do I know a clothes washer is water-wise?

A simple rule of thumb is to look for a front-loading washer instead of a typical top-loading one. Front-loading washers use about half of the water to wash a full load of laundry, compared to traditional top-loaders.

You can also log onto **bewaterwise.com** to get a list of high-efficiency washers.



Will it clean my clothes well?

Yes. Tests have shown that high-efficiency clothes washers get clothes cleaner than more water-intensive models with less detergent, and less wear and tear so clothes last longer.

How does it work?

High-efficiency clothes washers use a front-loading basket that lifts and drops clothes in and out of water. This action flexes the weave of the fabric and forces water and detergent through the entire load. Compare this to the typical top-loading washer that uses a full tub of water and agitator arm to push clothes back and forth.



Where did this technology come from?

Often seen in coin-operated laundries in the United States, high-efficiency clothes washers have been widely used in European homes for decades.

How much do they cost?

High-efficiency washers typically cost from \$500 to \$1,000. High-efficiency washers can save homeowners significantly in monthly electricity, water and sewer charges, so the initial higher cost is recovered in about three years.

How much water and energy will I save?

High-efficiency clothes washers use 35 to 50 percent less water and 20 percent less energy than traditional top-loading washers.

Where can I buy one?

Appliance retailers and department stores throughout California sell high-efficiency clothes washers.

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