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Laundry Fact Sheet

These are some really fascinating facts that we have collected. We think that most people don't know these things, but if they did...it



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- ◇ About 62% of Americans washing clothes at home use warm or hot water during the wash cycle.
- ◇ Eighty percent of American households use a dryer for between 2 and 9 loads per week. Millions more use a multi-housing laundry or coin-operated laundry facility to wash and/or dry their clothes.
- ◇ Less than 4% of Italian households own a dryer.
- ◇ About 77% of dryers used in the home are electric; the others are gas and propane.
- ◇ Approximately one quarter of Americans use an ENERGY STAR washer. There are no ENERGY STAR dryers on the market.
- ◇ Laundry was the primary household responsibility of 76% of women and 24% of men in a Whirlpool survey of 2,500 consumers; some 78% of those surveyed do approximately nine loads of laundry each week.
- ◇ You don't even need soap to wash most loads. The agitation of washing machines often does the job on its own.
- ◇ We estimate that 8% of households line-dry their laundry during 5 months of the year. If all Americans who currently do not use a clothesline started to use one for ten months of the year, we could avoid 12 million metric tons of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere, annually.
- ◇ Stimulating the "effort-driven reward circuit" with hands-on physical activities that yield tangible rewards, like line-drying and cooking your own meals, may build resilience against depression.
- ◇ Sunlight bleaches and disinfects.
- ◇ 60 million Americans live in approximately 300,000 community associations (mobile home parks, retirement communities, gated communities, condominiums, etc. The majority of these restrict or ban the clothesline.
- ◇ Apartment communities can save 330 percent more water, equating to a savings of 8,216 gallons of water per year per unit, by utilizing a common-area laundry room instead of an in-unit washing machine.
- ◇ Common-area laundry rooms use 500 percent less energy than in-unit machines.
- ◇ More than 80 percent of residents will utilize on-site laundry if owners and managers provide a common-area laundry room in their properties.
- ◇ An estimated 17,700 reported U.S. non-confined or confined home structure fires involving clothes dryers or washing machines result in 15 civilian deaths, 360 civilian injuries and \$194 million in direct property damage annually. Clothes dryers accounted for 92% of the fires.
- ◇ Approximately 23.8 billion pounds of clothing and textiles end up in U.S. landfills each year.
- ◇ Cotton production accounts for 2.4% of total arable land yet accounts for 11% of global pesticide use and 25% of global insecticide use.
- ◇ You can reduce the full lifecycle climate change impact of your jeans by up to 50 percent by line drying and washing them in cold water.