

# Save Time and Money with Natural Gas Clothes Dryers

# NEWS TO USE

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Drying clothes with natural gas is faster than drying with electricity. You don't have to worry about electric peak use rates and you can use your natural gas dryer anytime you want! Dry two loads of clothes in a natural gas dryer for the same amount of money it costs to dry just one load in an electric dryer.

## When selecting a new clothes dryer, keep in mind:

- **Long-term operating costs** – Drying clothes with natural gas costs as little as 15 cents per load while electric clothes drying costs as least 32 cents per load.\*
- **Energy savings** – Dryers with a moisture sensor feature save about 15% in energy costs by automatically turning off the appliance when laundry is dry.\*
- **Appropriate dryer size** – Select the right size for your laundry needs. A dryer that is too small will be slow and inefficient. A dryer that is too large may not tumble small loads properly.

*\*Source: U.S. Department of Energy*



## Tips for saving energy when drying laundry:

- For fast, wrinkle-free drying, do not overload.
- Separate fabrics by type and weight for faster, more even drying.
- Refrain from opening the dryer's door unnecessarily as this lets warm air escape.
- Clean the lint screen after each load. A dirty lint screen can cause your dryer to use 30% more energy.

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