

Whether you have a gas or electric dryer, here are some tips to reduce your costs:

- Hang clothes to dry when possible.
- Use the delicate setting on your dryer. It will take longer but [use less energy](#).
- Dry multiple loads in sequence so you're taking advantage of the remaining warmth from the previous load.
- Make sure your washing machine has spun out as much moisture as possible before throwing laundry into the dryer; the washing machine uses energy much more efficiently than the dryer.
- If you replace your dryer, look for the ENERGY STAR label. An ENERGY STAR rated dryer could save you [\\$245 in energy costs](#) over its lifetime. If you have access to natural gas, choose a gas dryer rather than an electric.
- Make sure the dryer vent and lint filter are cleaned out regularly. Clogged vents and filters reduce the dryer's efficiency and can cause fires.
- If your utility charges variable rates, use your dryer when utility rates are low.
- If you rely on solar power, use your dryer when solar production is high.