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ENERGYWISE TIP ~ Laundry



Though Benjamin Franklin said the only things for certain are death and taxes, he obviously forgot laundry. Everyone contends with it in one way or another. The majority of us have our own washer and dryer at home. Depending on your appliances and strategy for conquering this never-ending task, laundering could account for up to 13 percent of your household's annual energy use. Consider some of the following ways you might save some of that energy while keeping everything clean.

Start with the washer. Did you know that with traditional laundering practices in the past, 90 percent of the cost of running a clothes washer went toward heating water? With recent advances in formulating laundry detergents, most loads can be done with lower or cold water temperatures and still remove dirt and stains. Oxygenated cleaners and bleach alternatives allow you to brighten whites with cold water, too.

Likely, you will still need hot water cycles for dealing with oily stains, dirty diapers, or sanitizing sheets and towels when desired. Since 120°F water is sufficient to accomplish any of these, now is a good time to check your home's hot water temperature. Test it with an accurate thermometer at the faucet nearest to your washer. Be sure the water runs long enough to reach its maximum temperature. Adjust your water heater and check again until you achieve a 120°F setting.

If possible, only do full loads or adjust settings on your washer for partial loads. Increase your washer's spin cycle speed and/or time to reduce energy use in the clothes dryer. Your machine may have additional settings that optimize efficiency. If you are not sure,

review the owner's manual.

The average life expectancy of a washing machine is 12 years. If your washer is nearing or past this age, be sure the replacement you select is ENERGY STAR-certified. Units that have earned the ENERGY STAR are about 25% more efficient than non-certified models that simply meet the federal minimum standard for energy efficiency. Consider buying a front-loading machine. On average, they use two-thirds less water than top-loading units, which could also reduce water heating costs.

With a load freshly washed, move to the dryer. Always clean the lint screen between loads. This improves air circulation and increases the efficiency of your dryer. If you use dryer sheets, know they can leave a film on the screen that reduces air flow. Scrubbing the filter in warm water with a soft brush will remove this film.

Assuming you are like the majority of Americans who have a vented dryer, when was the last time you cleaned your dryer duct? If it has been more than one year, DO IT NOW! Not only will lint build-up reduce air flow and increase energy use, it can become a potential fire hazard.

Although rigid duct is best, most households use flexible duct for convenience. If so, be sure to keep lengths of flexible duct as short as possible while making turns as gradual as possible to minimize lint build up and restricting air flow. Operating your vented dryer without being vented to the outdoors is not recommended due to indoor air quality, health concerns and potential fire hazards. At a minimum, doing so can dramatically increase your air-conditioning costs during the

summer.

If your dryer has them, use the efficiency features to reduce energy use. Selecting the automatic cycle instead of timed drying utilizes the dryer's one or more moisture sensors to determine when laundry is dry to avoid overdrying. Since dryer sheet residue can build up on sensors and cause the dryer to shut off prematurely, you should consult the operator's manual as to how and when to clean the sensors.

Even less than washers, the average life expectancy of a clothes dryer is 11 years. When considering replacement, select one that is ENERGY STAR-certified. Compared to non-certified models, dryers receiving ENERGY STAR certification are 20 percent more efficient.

Finally, consider that using a clothes line outside during warmer months or an inside drying rack saves all of the energy from using a dryer. Though the drying process is much slower than using your dryer, it is also gentler on clothing.

Your local utility wants to help you make the most of the energy they provide you. That includes the energy needed to deal with never-ending loads of laundry. For more ideas on how you can make your home EnergyWiseSM, contact your local utility.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

September 3rd
September 17th

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER

Labor Day Weekend Hours

Sunday, Sept. 1st—closing at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 2nd—closed all day

24-hour Key Fob access will be available during closed hours



City Offices will be closed Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day



Department News ~

Wayne Public Library ~

Sunday hours resume! Starting September 8th, we will be open on Sundays from 2:00-5:00 p.m. We will be closed September 1st and 2nd for the Labor Day holiday.

The Adult Summer Reading Program ends on the **September 3rd**, so be sure to turn your cards back in to be entered into the drawing. The Fall Reading Challenge will kick off the first of the month, so stop in to pick up your sheets!

 **Toddler Time** continues on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** or **Fridays at 11:00 a.m.!** Little ones enjoy stories, music, and busy bags to promote early literacy, writing and math skills.

Enjoy an evening of relaxing at **Adult Coloring Night on Tuesday, September 10th from 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.** at the Library. All color pages, crayons, markers and pens, plus a light snack will be available at this FREE event sponsored by Pac-N-Save. Coloring Nights are open to men and women 18 years and older.

Join Greta from the Flower Cellar for **Craft Night on Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30 p.m.** She will be

showing us how to plant **mini succulent pots**. Cost will be \$1 for a pot and \$4 or \$5 per succulent. Please call [402-375-3135](tel:402-375-3135) to register; all ages are welcome.



Our Adult Book Club is reading "Goodnight, Nebraska" by Tom McNeal this month. At the age of 17, Randall Hunsacker shoots his mother's boyfriend, steals a car and comes close to killing himself. His second chance lies in a small Nebraska farm town, where the landmarks include McKibben's Mobil Station, Frmk's Superette, and a sign that says The Wages of Sin is Hell. This is Goodnight, a place so in-grown and provincial that Randall calls it "Sludgeville" until he starts thinking of it as home. In this pitch-perfect novel, Tom McNeal explores the currents of hope, passion, and cruelty beneath the surface of the American heartland. In Randall, McNeal creates an outcast whose redemption lies in Goodnight, a strange, small, but ultimately embracing community where Randall will inspire fear and adulation, win the love of a beautiful girl and near-

ly throw it all away. Join the discussion **Tuesday, September 24th at 6:30 p.m.** at the Senior Center.

Wednesday September 25th at 2:00 p.m., kids are welcome to join us when Wayne Community School lets out early for a showing of a newly released tale from the Arabian Nights realm, featuring a street rat, a sultan's daughter and a genie. Run time is 2 hours and 9 minutes for this PG movie. Treats will be served.

The Needle Night group continues to meet. This is a very informal group and isn't limited to knitting. "We welcome anyone who crochets, weaves, etc. and set aside every **Thursday from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** for needlework with all who shows up."

Stop by anytime to learn more about our e-book and audiobooks that can be downloaded or streamed to any personal devices. Also, visit our website at cityofwayne.org/library, or follow us on Facebook to stay in the know about what is happening at the Library.

WISE WORDS

"Success is more permanent when you achieve it without destroying your principles."

~Walter Cronkite

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Monday & Friday
9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Tuesday
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Saturday
8:00 am.—Noon

Or by appointment
Tuesday, Wednesday
and Thursday

Green Notes ~



Electronics Recycling Sat, Sep 14, Eastbound 3rd St between Lincoln & Pearl

For the 7th year in a row, the City of Wayne Green Team is hosting an electronics recycling collection event on **Saturday, Sept. 14th, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** (ends earlier if the truck fills up). Drive eastbound on 3rd Street between Lincoln and Pearl in front of the City Hall Parking lot to responsibly dispose of your e-waste. Bring your old TV's, computers, cell phones, printers, cords and more to recycle right, and keep electronics out of the landfill, where they can become hazardous to our soil and groundwater.

Note, this block of 3rd Street will be closed to traffic. Enter from

Lincoln Street to unload your electronics and exit onto Pearl Street.

FEES: Suggested donation of \$10 per carload or \$50 per business load of reasonable size. Fees for CRT's (tube) of \$5/monitor and \$10/TV (no charge for flatscreens); and \$10/microwave. Sorry, no large appliances, batteries or VHS tapes. A full list of acceptable items and fees are on our website.

For more tips on the Green Path to the Good Life, like the Wayne Green Team on Facebook or visit www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION coming to Wayne in October. Date yet to be determined. Details next month!!

The Fair Housing Act protects people from discrimination when they are renting, buying, or securing financing for any housing. The prohibitions specifically cover discrimination because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability and the presence of children.

If you believe you may be a victim of housing discrimination, contact HUD 1-800-669-9777 or your local Fair Housing representative:

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