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**SAVE LOADS OF WATER.  
ONE LOAD AT A TIME.**



Running a FULL washer saves drinking water—and your clothes get just as clean. At 300 loads per year, that water really adds up. **For more water-saving tips, visit [WeLoveWater.ca](http://WeLoveWater.ca)**



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## **WATER-SAVING TIPS:**

- Re-using towels throughout the week, holding off on washing jeans – washing less loads saves water.
- Wash full loads. Running a full load is a more efficient use of water, energy and time than multiple small loads.
- Fill the washer, but don't jam it. Items must still move freely in the water and detergent to break up dirt.
- Leave a hand's width of space between the top of the drum and your clothes in a top-loading machine. Load your clothes to the top of the door in a front loader.
- Check your pockets and pre treat stains and heavily soiled clothing right away, so they won't need to be washed twice.
- Use less detergent. Metro Vancouver's water supply is very soft, with few minerals in it. Use about half the manufacturers' recommended amount (detergents are formulated for use in medium to hard water). Your clothes will last longer and feel cleaner.
- If you need to run a smaller load, and your washer has water-level controls, match the size of the load. Select the shortest wash cycle for items that are only lightly soiled.
- Heavy-duty soil settings and extra rinse cycles use more water and aren't necessary for most loads.
- The permanent press setting adds water at the end of the wash cycle and can use twice the amount of water as a normal load of laundry.
- Consider natural cleaners. Replace bleach with 1 cup of baking soda in the wash cycle. To replace fabric softener, add ½ cup white vinegar to the rinse cycle.



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