



Before washing

- If possible treat stains immediately. Dry stains stick on textiles and are more difficult to remove.
- Sort your laundry by white, color, fabric type and dirtiness.
- Fill your washing machine but do not overload it. Every time your washing machine is running half empty, you waste money, energy, water and detergent as the amount of electricity and water are almost identical whether the machine is half or completely full.
- When buying a new washing machine go for the efficiency classes A/A/A (Energy efficiency A / cleaning efficiency A / spin dry efficiency A). Water consumption per run should not exceed 8.5 L per kg capacity. Energy consumption per run should not exceed 1.2 kWh per run. The best ecologic washing machines are listed under www.oekotopten.lu.
- When buying a new washing machine check the capacity (6 kg or 7 kg) to adapt it to the quantity of laundry you normally have.
- Hang out your clothes in the fresh air whenever this is possible. Not all clothes have to be washed after you have worn them one time.



Choice of detergent

- Avoid detergents with scenting substances. These substances are harmful to the environment and can lead to allergic reactions. Clean clothes may also have a neutral smell.
- Prefer detergents with the indication „Clever akafen – Product recommended by the SuperDrecksKëscht®“. These products comply with the strict criteria catalog as to substances and impact on the environment .
- If possible buy refills and keep the original container. This reduces the amount of waste and precious raw material is saved. Furthermore this system is less expensive than buying hard containers every time. It is important to comply with the dosage indications of the manufacturer and to use the same product for refill as the original product.
- Avoid supersized packages. They contain unnecessary filling substances without any cleaning power but that are harmful to water.
- Prefer separate components (basic detergents, softening agent, bleach and stain remover). As each component has an extremely high dosage, make sure you use the correct dosage.



Ecologic washing

- For normal laundry prewashing is always unnecessary.
- Comply with the dosage indication of the manufacturer. Too high dosages are harmful to the environment but also hard on your budget. Water quality and dirtiness of the fabrics are other elements to be taken into account. As manufactures continuously adapt their products, dosage indications can change too. Please check these out even if you are always using the same brand.
- Call your commune to ask for information about the water quality to be able to adapt the detergent dosage.
- Normal laundry can be washed with 60°C allowing you saving about 40 % in comparison with a 95°C program. Most detergents are efficient already at lower temperatures and washing at high temperatures is mostly unnecessary.
- Dry spin your laundry at a very high speed, the less water fabrics contain, the less time an energy they need to dry.



After the washing

- Leave the detergent filling and the door of the washing machine a bit open for the remaining moist to dry out.
- If possible dry your laundry outside and not in the drier. You will probably save a lot of energy

Ecologic disposal

- Do not through empty packaging in the household waste as this material can be recycled. Take empty containers to the recycling site in your neighborhood or put them in the Valorlux collection for PE and PET containers (Attention: Valorlux collections are not available in all the communes. Information under www.valorlux.lu). Containers with dangerous substances (containers with danger symbols) do not belong into the Valorlux collection bag but should be taken to the SuperDrecksKëscht® fir Biirger on the recycling site or the mobile collection container of the SuperDrecksKëscht®.

The choice of the right detergent is determined by various factors as type and color of fabrics, dirtiness...

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