



WATER TIPS

HIGH EFFICIENCY WASHING MACHINES

DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly 22% of the water used in most households is used to wash clothes. Standard washing machines use 40-50 gallons of water per load compared to high efficiency (HE) washing machines which use 18-25 gallons of water per load.

HE washing machines also use about 50% less energy and about half as much detergent as standard machines.

HE washing machines tumble the clothes through the water, rather than agitating them, so your clothes come out cleaner and with less wear and tear.

Until recently, HE washers have always been front loading machines, however top loading HE models are now available from Whirlpool, Kenmore, GE and Maytag.

High efficiency washing machines also extract more water from clothes during the spin cycle, reducing drying time and saving additional energy.

COST

The cost of an HE washing machine typically runs \$200 to \$600 more than a regular washing machine.

REBATES

The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority offers a \$100 rebate on your residential water bill when you buy an HE washing machine. Rebates for commercial, industrial or institutional accounts are limited to \$1000 per fiscal year.

For more information on washing machine rebates, visit <http://www.abcwua.org/waterconservation/washingmach.html>

