

ENERGY-SAVING IDEAS

Green While The Dishes Get Clean

(NAPSA)—Clean up on these dishwashing tips and save a considerable amount of energy. A lot depends on the machine you have and the way you operate it, for example:

- Use energy-saving cycles whenever possible.

- Don't prerinse dishes before putting them in the dishwasher. Pre-rinsing can waste 20 gallons of water per load. Modern dishwashers do a superb job of cleaning even heavily soiled dishes. Compared to washing by hand, using an Energy Star dishwasher, such as a Miele, can save up to 5,000 gallons of water a year. This particular dishwasher actually exceeds Energy Star requirements.

- Wash only full loads. Most dishwashers use the same amount of water whether it's half full or completely full. Putting dishes in the dishwasher throughout the day and running it once in the evening will use less water and energy than washing the dishes by hand throughout the day.

- Load dishes according to the manufacturer's instructions. Completely fill the racks to optimize water and energy use, but allow proper water circulation for adequate cleaning.

Unique Features That Save Energy

- Some dishwashers, such as Miele's, have an AutoSensor system that evaluates wastewater quality and will automatically determine if the unit actually needs more water. This feature can reduce water consumption by over two gallons per cycle. That



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means the less soiled the dishes are, the less water the dishwasher uses.

- That same dishwasher's turbo feature calculates room air temperatures to reduce drying times by 10 to 15 percent. There's also a drying feature that opens the door automatically at the end of the cycle to save energy and improve drying quality.

Of interest to consumers is that the same manufacturer's G 2002 dishwasher meets all Energy Star requirements for low water usage and is made so that more than 90 percent of the dishwasher itself is recyclable. Miele has actually reduced water consumption in its dishwashers by more than 50 percent and energy use by over 33 percent.

For more tips, visit miele.com.