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## Energy Smart Tip: Laundry Room Efficiency

*Save some green and help the earth during Energy Awareness Month*

**WACO, Texas (October 24, 2008)** – Between school clothes, work clothes and play clothes, it's easy for your washer and dryer to work over-time. Are you tired of excess water and energy disappearing with all your lost left socks?

The laundry room can be the busiest room in your house, especially if you have several children. If your washer and dryer aren't performing at their best, it could show up on your energy bill.

In honor of Energy Awareness Month, give your family's laundry habits an energy-saving makeover.

"Busy schedules and full households can cause lots of wear and tear on laundry room appliances," said Doug Rogers, president of Mr. Appliance Corp. "Homeowners should take special care when using their washer and dryer to make sure they keep working efficiently. The harder an appliance has to work to do its job, the more energy is wasted in the process."

Follow these simple tips from *Mr. Appliance* to help your laundry room conserve energy and money.

### Washer:

- When appropriate, wash clothes in cold water. This saves the energy needed to heat the water.
- Wash full loads. Washing machines use about the same amount of energy for all load sizes, so fill up the load to avoid wasting energy.
- Use the high speed spin cycle, which takes more moisture out of your clothes. The drier they are coming out of the washer, the less drying time is needed, which saves energy.
- If you have an older top-loading washing machine, consider converting to a front-loading washer, which uses about 70 percent less water.

### Dryer:

- Keep the lint filter clean to maximize air circulation and energy efficiency. Keeping the lint filter clean also prevents fire.
- Dry full loads, and use the moisture sensor setting. Not only does this save energy, it also protects your clothes from heat damage.
- Keep the dryer's outside exhaust clean to prevent dryer fires and reduce drying time, which saves energy. Keep the dryer at least four inches away from the wall to prevent kinks or tears from forming in the exhaust vent.

These tips are easy for you to do yourself, and can even help prolong the life of your appliances when combined with regular visits from your local appliance repair expert.

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